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Corzine wins

Black vote crucial

Senatorial win is by less than 85,000 votes

THE NUMBERS

Jon S. Corzine (Dem)
1,453,938

Bob Franks (Rep)
1,369,471

At press time, after an agonizingly close race, Texas Gov. George Walker Bush had unofficially been named the 43rd President of the United States.

With overseas ballots remaining to be counted and a 1,200 vote difference, election officials proceeded to recount the ballots. Gore was told not to concede before all votes were recounted, despite Bush's camp declaration of victory.

The sunshine state became the deciding factor in the crucial race. Both candidates were within reach of an electoral majority, and agonizing defeat. By midnight, Bush had won 29 states for 246 electoral votes of the needed 270. Gore had won 16 states plus the District of Columbia for 237. Florida offered 25 votes to its winner.

Al Gore won New Jersey with 56 percent of the majority vote.

Prior to Nov. 7 in New Jersey, very few people had heard of Jon Corzine, the former chairman of the investment bank Goldman Sachs, but a well financed and inclusive campaign, headed up by political heavy-weight Christ Davis proved to be key to Corzine's victory.

Corzine has acknowledged in the past that the support of the African American community has been crucial in his bid for senate.

He won 50 percent of votes in the state.

In his victory speech Corzine said, "I respect the people of New Jersey for the choice they made, and I hope very much to be the great senator in the footsteps of Frank Lautenberg and Bob Torricelli."

"I trust the judgment of the people of New Jersey and could not be more humbled by the confidence that they have expressed... I look forward, as I said, to working for the next six years to do those things that we have talked about over and over throughout this election—making sure that we invest in a health care system for everyone. Making sure we deliver on prescription drugs that benefit all our seniors. Making sure that from our early childhood education to our higher education where everyone has hope of going to college," he said.

Corzine was victorious over Republican Rep. Bob Franks, in a race that became tighter in the last week or two before the final ballots were cast.

The issue of his personal wealth was an issue though out the campaign, with a record-setting amount of approximately \$60 million spent on his campaign.

This figure shattered all previous records in a Senate campaign in the United States, making the race one of national interest.



Jon Corzine give congratulatory speech after winning the New Jersey Senate seat while wife Joanne, far right, looks on.

BET no longer black owned

Viacom buys popular black cable brand for \$3 billion

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—By the time the ink was dry on the contract, late last week, Black Entertainment Television's chief executive Robert Johnson was one of the world's first African American billionaires. BET became a new property of Viacom Inc., an internationally respected media giant and the black community lost control one of its largest communications companies. Johnson drew \$1.6 billion out of the package.

In a \$3 billion dollar deal, Viacom purchased the BET brand—the core cable channel, BET on Jazz and BET International. After 20 years, for the first time, BET's development in these areas will not be black con-

trolled. The company also purchased BET.com and BET's Arabesque Books, the publishing division and assumed all of BET's existing debts. The magazine arm, BET's Movies/Starz, BET's Soundstage, jazz club and other restaurants are not part of the deal. Notably, the company had turned daily operations of its leading magazines, EMERGE and BET Weekend to new partner, Vanguard, owned by former VIBE publisher Keith Clinkscales. Clinkscales discontinued both magazines last summer.

Speculation suggests that Johnson is interested in increasing his leveraging strength in attempting buy USAir. "He's moving into new

challenges," said one BET employee. "He wants to make his mark in other, higher arenas."

Although the deal catapults Johnson into new financial strata, there is some remorse about the loss of the nation's largest Black-owned cable entertainment company.

"I am both happy and sad at the same time. I am happy that an African-American firm is commanding major league dollars," says George Curry, president of the American Society of Magazine Editors, NNPA syndicated columnist and former editor-in-chief of EMERGE. "Black America's Newsweek But I am sad that, at the same time, we are losing control

of our largest media company. A.J. Lieblich, the famous media critic, said, "Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own it. Any way you cut it, this is a loss of ownership."

The deal allows current management of BET to remain in the hands of current senior management over the next five years.

Viacom owns CBS Broadcasting, MTV, VH-1 and Infinity Broadcasting, to name a few. Company leaders say that the deal will bring vast industry resources to BET and that Viacom's advertising sales will see an immediate boost as a result of cross marketing.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THROUGH WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 8

LINCROFT—Monmouth County Park System to Host "Kids Can Crochet". For further information call 732-842-4000.

THROUGH THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 14

HOWELL—Monmouth County Park System Schedules "Kids Rock". For further information call 732-842-4000, and for the hearing impaired call 732-219-9484.

THROUGH THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 30

NEWARK—Faces of the Ironbound: Newark 1937-1999 is a collection of almost 20 dozen photos by American photographer William Cotton at the Rutgers Newark DNA Library, 185 University Avenue in Newark. For more information, call (973) 353-5262.

THROUGH WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 23

The State of New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services is offering monthly foster care and adoption parent training. For more information, call 1-800-NJ-FOSTER or 1-800-99-ADOPT.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

NEWARK—NAACP to host annual freedom fund dinner.

CRANFORD—Union County College will host a job fair at the Elizabeth Campus located at 12 West Jersey Street. For more information, call Janet Rocco at (908) 965-5087.

LINCROFT — Monmouth County Parks System will host "Change Your Attitude-Change Your Life" at the Thompson Park Visitor Center. Pre-registration is required. For more information call (732) 842-4000 ext. 4252.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

CALDWELL—Caldwell College Hosts Senior Day On Campus, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. For further information call 973-618-3209.

LINCROFT — Monmouth County Park System offers the chance for residents to make candleholders out beach glass and a chance to hike to Hacklebarney State Park. Pre registration is required. For more information call (732) 842-4000 ext. 4237.

ATLANTIC CITY - Atlantic City Hosts A Variety Of November Trade Shows, New Jersey Education Association at the Convention Center. For further information call 609-448-7126.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 & 10TH

MORRISTOWN - Artistic Activities for Children at The Morris Museum during Teacher Convention Days, From 12-3:00 P.M. For further information call 973-538-0454.

NEWARK — The NJ Historical Society presents "See Through Sand" at 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. For information, call (973) 596-8500.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Free conference on Law & Disability Issues from 9 AM - 12:30 PM. For further information call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

JERSEY CITY - A seminar on "Beginning and Managing Your Own Business" will meet 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. For further information call 201-200-3426.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

NEWARK—The Wise Women's Center of Essex County College will offer a Seminar on Legal Issues such as child custody, divorce, renting, etc. from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (973) 877-1895.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

NEWARK — The NJ Historical Society presents "Cooking with Com" at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. For information, call (973) 596-8500.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17-
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CAPE MAY—Christmas in Cape May is charming and magical. For further information call Cindy Kluger at 609-884-1309 x. 12.

ATLANTIC CITY—Meet Pro Football Hall-Of Famer Paul Hornung At Resorts, catch the football fever with a free autograph signing event from 8-10 p.m. For further information call 609-340-6432.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

NEWARK—The Spanish Repertory Theater, in conjunction with the Center for Latino Arts and Culture at Rutgers University and the City of Newark Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services, will present "Vieques," a comedy set on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico at the time when the U.S. Navy began to use the island for its military exercises. This event takes place at the Newark Public Library's Centennial Hall at 2 p.m. For more information, call (973) 733-7772.

CAPE MAY — A Physiol Family Christmas, Friday thru Sunday. For more information call 609-884-5404.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

WYCOFF — Bergen County Department of Parks presents "Journey's to Antarctica" by Paul Gensior at McPaul Environmental Center at 2 p.m. For more information call 201-891-5571.

CRANFORD — Union County College will be hosting an open house on its Cranford Campus from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information call (908) 709-7112.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

CAPE MAY - Wine and Cheese Testing at the Washington Inn. For further information call 609-884-5508.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

NEWARK—Physicians and staff from the Newark Department of Health and Human Services and collaborating agencies will host "Read the Ingredients: Eat Well, Stay Well," in Room B-29 of City Hall. Mavis Faulkner of the WIC Program will also discuss health lunches from 1 - 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union Catholic Regional High School Class of '70 are planning a reunion with a tentative location. For information, call (908) 227-2410.

MORRISTOWN Thanksgiving Weekend is Full of Fun and Learning at The Morris Museum, "Rockin' and Rollin' Workshop for Children from 12-3:00 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 THROUGH
DECEMBER 23

CAPE MAY—Lampighter Christmas Tours, from 7-9 p.m. For further information call 609-884-5404.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — Union Catholic Regional High School Class of '84 have planned a reunion at Berkeley Plaza. For information, call (732) 499-7086.

ONGOING

NEWARK — Poets and musicians are invited every Wednesday night for poetry/jazz held at Waset Komuniversity, 271 South 9th St., at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call (973) 678-3221.

JERSEY CITY — The Women's Center of New Jersey College will have free support groups this fall. Call for registration at (201) 200-3169.

Bessie McDonald: Newark's Senior Citizen Mayor for a Day



The City of Newark recently held a swearing-ceremony for Newark Senior Citizen Mayor for a Day, at City Hall. The mayor's Senior Citizens' Commission selected Bessie McDonald, as winner of this year's 2000 Living Legacy Fashion Extravaganza, which earned her the title as this year's Senior Citizen Mayor for a Day. Ms. McDonald is a member of the Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church in Newark. She is a mother of five, and has 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Pictured left to right are: Newark Health and Human Services, Office of Aging Director, Phil Orlando; Newark Senior Citizen Mayor for the Day, Bessie McDonald; and Mistress of Ceremonies, Ambassador to Newark Senior Citizens and radio personality, Kitty Taylor and Former Central Ward Council Member and Committee for Senior Citizens Fashion Show founder, George Branch.

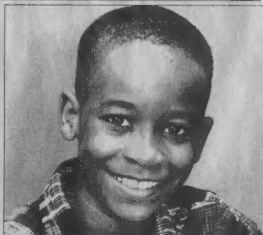
Newark's Justin Melvin selected to the Nets Junior Dance Team

East Rutherford — The New Jersey Nets have named Justin Melvin of Newark to its 2000-2001 Junior Dance Team, it has been announced by Power N Motion Director Natasha Baron.

"We are very pleased to have all 16 children joining our Jr. Dance Team," said Baron.

"We are looking forward to a fun and exciting season. This group will be very entertaining."

Justin, 11, is a student at the Queen of Angles School in Newark. He is one of 16 children to be selected from throughout the state. Through their hard work and effort, have been chosen to be members of the 2000-2001 New Jersey Nets Junior Dance Team. The 2000-2001 team is different from its predecessors. In the past, a local area school has provided the Nets Junior Dance Team. This team is the first to be selected at an open audition. Only 16 children



New Nets Junior Dancer Justin Melvin

between the age of 8 and 12 were selected out of a field of 155. The open audition was held on September 24 at the Nets Champion Center under the supervision of Baron. The Jr. Dance Team will perform at the following nine Nets home games in the Continental Airlines Arena.

For information about the Nets Junior Dance Team contact Natasha Baron, or Jason Locke at 1-800-7NUNETS.

Flanagan honored for being an 'Angel in Adoption'

WASHINGTON, DC—Karen Flanagan, CSW of South Plainfield was honored in Washington, DC at an "Angels in Adoption Campaign 2000" event sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption. Flanagan's Angel nomination was sponsored by Rep. Bob Franks, one of 148 U.S. Senators and Members of Congress who are represented on the Coalition.

The award dinner, held at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, honored people across the country who have made significant contributions in the field of adoption and foster care. Flanagan was commended for her professional work at United Family and Children's Society in Plainfield.

United Family, a non-profit family services agency and a licensed adoption agency, provides special services for infants who would otherwise be boarding at a hospital. The "Boarder Baby Program," offered under a contract with the NJ Division of Youth and Family Services, provide and foster care for newborn infants for a period of months to over a year. Flanagan, a certified social worker, has worked at United Family for over 20 years in foster care, adoption and counseling programs for children. She directly recruits and supervises the agency's foster homes.

United Family and Children's Society, serving Union, Somerset and Middlesex Counties, offers professional counseling services, anger management programs for adolescents, special programs for pregnant and parenting teens, mental health services for children and adoption services. United Family, established in 1877, is a United Way Member Agency.

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Beulah Haskins-Womack named to Abbott council

TRENTON — Beulah M. Haskins-Womack, a Plainfield Board of Education member since 1982, is serving on a state panel that will facilitate educational reform and improvements in New Jersey's 30 special needs districts.

Governor Christine Todd Whitman named Haskins-Womack to the Abbott Implementation Panel, which is composed of 17 representatives of government business, education and child advocacy groups. The group derives its name from the state Supreme Court decision, Abbott v. Burke, which addressed the educational needs of children in the state's poorest communities.

"One of the council's major responsibilities is creation of the Abbott Leadership Academy," explained Haskins-Womack, a former president of the New Jersey School Boards Association. "The Academy will work with higher education to ensure that school personnel in the Abbott districts have the administrative, organizational and interpersonal skill needed to implement school reform."

"This is a new initiative, and I am genuinely honored that Governor Whitman selected me to be part of it," said Haskins-Womack.

The council will also create a Distinguished Educators Corps, which will fact among school boards, administrators and teachers in the Abbott districts and the state Department of Education staff and help to establish a consensus between local government and community groups.

Elected County Association President in a separate development Haskins-Womack has been elected president of the Union County School Boards Association for 2000-01. The association serves as a forum for the concerns of local school boards in Union County and is a link between local boards and the state school boards association. It also provides training and information programs.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Howard students march for justice in police killing of classmate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of Howard University students marched through the streets of the nation's capital last Wednesday demanding justice for a classmate killed Sept. 1 by a police officer in a neighboring county.

"There is no surplus of African-American males," said Selloano Simmons, 21, a senior and president of the student body at the historically black college.

In the midst of a campus rally, Simmons led students on an impromptu march with police escorts to the Department of Justice, where security officers shot heavy metal dogs, baring the students from entering.

Simmons and five other students were led in a side door and met for about an hour with Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee, head of the civil rights division, and one of his deputies, Stuart Isham.

Lee told the students the FBI had been monitoring the investigation by authorities in Fairfax County, Va., where the shooting took place.

Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr. announced last Monday that he would not file charges against the shooter, Cpl. Carlton Jones, a police officer in nearby Prince George's County, Md.

Carlton Jones followed Prince Jones into Fairfax and fired 16 shots at him, striking him in the back six times and killing him. The two men were not related.

Black population, power decline in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The black population in San Francisco has declined, and with it, the political power of the community to address issues such as affordable housing, poverty, education and crime.

The black population in the city has decreased only two points, from 13 percent in 1970 to 11 percent in 1998, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, at the same time that Asian and Latino populations have grown.

The Asian population rose from 29 percent in 1990 to 36 percent in 1998, and the Hispanic population grew from 12 percent in 1990 to 15 percent in 1998. The white population fell from 46 percent in 1990 to 38 percent in 1998.

With the decrease in the black population of the city is a decrease in the strength of traditional institutional forces, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Appeals court gives black couple their baby born to white woman

NEW YORK (AP) — A state appeals court has denied visitation rights to a white woman who gave birth to a black couple's baby after an embryo mix-up in a fertility clinic.

The New York Appellate Division ruled 5-0 last Thursday that the birth of Robert and Deborah Perry Rogers' child to Donna Fasano was a mistake and that she and her husband, Richard, had no right to seek visitation with the child.

In its unanimous 17-page ruling, the court said the case was akin to a hospital's "mix-up of two newborn infants, which should simply be corrected at once," than a case in which the birth mother might claim the same rights as the genetic mother.

The Rogerses, of Teaneck, N.J., got the news from their lawyer, Bernard Clair. "They were weeping, both of them, with happiness," he said. "They were very emotional. They've been on tenorhooks for quite some time."

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When police arrest the wrong man: Retired detective faces charges for allegedly resisting arrest

By Anaré V. Holmes
Editor, The Indianapolis Recorder
Special to the NNPA

INDIANAPOLIS (NNPA) — The walls in the home of former Indianapolis Police Detective Edward Byrd are adorned with plaques and framed citations awarded by past police chiefs and special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Accolades not expected of someone who was recently charged with fleeing from police, battery on a police officer and resisting arrest.

"I feel the only thing I'm guilty of is being a Black man," said Byrd, who in 1989 retired from the force after 25 years of distinguished service — receiving recognition for his superior investigating techniques, outstanding devotion to duty and courageous assistance in apprehending criminals.

Wrong Place At The Wrong Time

Despite being a retired law enforcement official, 64-year-old Byrd said while he was doing some yard work outside of his home on Oct. 15 at 2698 N. Bolton Ave., he was ordered to lay face-down on the ground by IPD officer Brian Churchill who, with a dog on leash, was in search of a suspect accused of stalking a woman nearby on Priscilla Avenue.

The assault was described as a 220-lb., 6'2" tall Black male wearing a blue, long sleeve flannel shirt and Byrd fit the description. "I said, 'Officer, I am a retired police officer

and if you let me get my identification, my wife is inside... I can prove who I am,'" said Byrd, who proceeded to get off the ground for fear of an approaching dog. "It was dark outside, nobody was around and I didn't know if the officer was going to get trigger-happy or what so I got up and told the man I am going to get my wife... I don't have to take this from you."

Byrd was described by Churchill as "argumentative and belligerent" according to a Marion County Court probable cause affidavit. The report states that Byrd continued to walk into his home, ignoring Churchill's orders being highly aggressive and verbally defiant. At this point, Churchill warned Byrd he was under arrest for fleeing and called another officer for assistance.

With his IPD gold badge and a picture taken with former Mayor William Hudnut along with an ex-IPD chief, Byrd and his wife, Ann, said they came out onto the porch of their home as two other IPD officers arrived on the scene.

A Fight Breaks Out

"I said, 'Officer, here is my identification,'" said Byrd. "His comment to me was, 'It is too late for that' and I really got scared then. I knew then, they were going to work me over."

Surrounded by three officers, Byrd handed his picture and badge to his wife and said the officers threatened to pepper-spray him. Byrd said his open hand brushed

against the officer's face while he tried to jerk away from the officer.

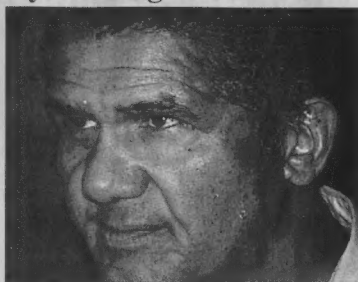
The action escalated into a fight to get Byrd restrained and handcuffed.

"As I came to the house, I saw the three officers on top of my father, one was twisting his arm and the others were holding him down and I said, 'What is going on?'" said Byrd's daughter Leilani Edwards. "By then, several more officers were called on the scene and were headed toward my father and as one looked like he was going to kick my father, I kneeled down and told my father to just call on Jesus." Edwards said the officer didn't kick her father, they instead told her she was harassing Byrd and proceeded to handcuff her and her husband, Elder.

"It was so brutal what they did; they were out of control," said Edwards. "I grew up to have a lot of respect for police being that my father was one and it was really heartbreaking and hurtful to see them do my father that way. They treated us like we were common criminals."

Meanwhile, the accused stalker, it was later found according to court record, continued caboose on 27th Street headed south, where he again called and threatened the original complainant as Byrd was transported to city lockup in an IPD paddy wagon.

"When I found out this happened to Ed I was very shocked," said neighbor Marion Adcock. "He is a pillar in this community and it makes me scared to think that police



Retired IPD detective Edward Byrd, 64, faces criminal charges brought against him for allegedly resisting arrest during a suspect search. Byrd claims his civil rights were violated.

are doing this to good people." Byrd later filed a complaint with the Citizens Complaint Review Board and hired attorney Martin Solomon to defend him against the multiple criminal charges waged against him.

Discrepancies

"Nobody has the right to be disrespectful," said attorney Solomon. "Proper procedure when a police officer approaches what they think is a potential suspect is to make it clear who they are and ask for appropriate identification. Not to immediately tell someone to lay with their face on the ground. They would never do that to a prominent person in the community."

Law enforcement officials point out that when there is a risk of potential danger, it is hard to follow a rule book.

"When it's a case where it is believed that the suspect has a gun, the police can order that person to go to the ground in order to protect the public," said IPD public information officer Matthew Stewart.

However, there was no mention in the court record of the alleged suspect having a gun in Edward Byrd's case, only a reference from the original complaint being stalked stating she "feared for her safety and that (the suspect) could be very violent."

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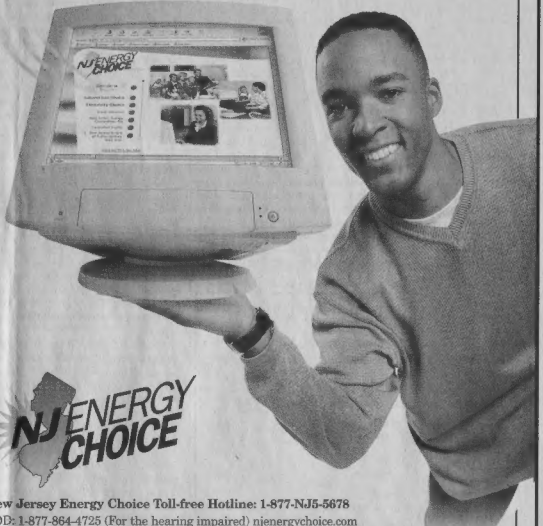
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EDITORIAL

This Election A Horse Race—But Candidates Not Real

This election gives us all a chance to see democracy "really" in action. The slogan "every vote counts" could not be clearer. Through long and hard fought primaries both Bush and Gore triumphed. Both put together campaigns, which targeted their primary base that lead to a photo finish, a real horse race. It's times like this one wonders why one candidate didn't clearly win the hearts and souls of America. Why couldn't Al Gore, because of the economy, experience, as Vice President, pull it off? Why couldn't George W. Bush, because of family ties and the Republican impeachment and criticism of President Clinton, pull it off? Could this election be about doubt of both men as genuine leaders? Viewing Bush's speeches and the debates, clearly most viewers had to question Bush's leadership when compared to Bill Clinton. Does he really have the depth of understanding that will make a great president? Likewise, watching the transformation of Al Gore, it was hard to determine the real Al. But most importantly, is there a more fundamental reason for the inability of the American public to clearly choose between the two candidates? It just might be that they both reflect the same values as well as the same faults. After such strong leadership of Bill Clinton, neither can convince the American public that they can continue moving this country into prosperity, the right to quality healthcare, education, and living in dignity as a senior citizen. If there were grades to be given for best improved, George W. would have to receive a B- in his efforts to be more inclusive and to move the party to the middle. Al Gore, with a grade of C-, on the other hand, while this time acknowledging the importance of the black vote, made a fatal mistake in distancing himself from the one person who could have helped him win-Bill Clinton. This photo finished will be analyzed for months and probably years to come. Meanwhile, it will be business as usual for the country where reason generally prevails.

Million family musing

By Ron Walters

The aftermath of the recent Million Family March was very different from the Million Man March in one important respect. It was quite stunning to hear the avalanche of criticism which flowed from many brothers and sisters on talk radio and in the street (some while leaving the Capitol grounds) that to challenge the Million Family March. At best, noting the existence of positive comments about the event means, that the black community is badly split about its significance. Why?

To begin with, I believe that the expectations of this March were colored by the standard of the Million Man March. It was such a special gathering on such a special day in the history of Black America that to challenge history with repeating it was a little much. So, to the extent that people came to this March expecting the same degree of emotionalism, derived from the symbolic meaning of the condition of black men and their desire to achieve vindication, respect and a sense of responsibility, they were bound to be disappointed.

The Million Family March could not achieve this because it was, first a multiracial March and

this division of the allegiances of the marchers dampened and ultimately changed the perspective that would be used to consume the various messages and therefore, to evaluate its meaning. Because the messages meant one thing to the blacks, another to the Native Americans, another to the Hispanics, still another to the white and Asian followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a co-sponsor, the divided audiences seldom if ever became a unified and enthusiastic audience, despite the initial plea of the Union Temple's Rev. Willie Wilson of Washington, DC to do so.

Second, the struggle between the spiritual and political content in the reception of the messages by many, means that the either the organizers were unsuccessful in blending the two, or those who would receive the messages of the March were unprepared to integrate them in a way that would produce complementary power.

Thus, the collectivity on the Capitol grounds was not a coherent one and the task of the Minister's forces to attempt to blend an amorphous mass of different constituencies into a harmonious whole, however laudable, is open to serious question.

What did the Electoral College mean anyway?

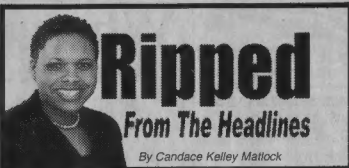
Many you kind of know that the Electoral College is pretty important, but the details — are fuzzy at best. You simply cast your vote and tune in to the television to get the play-by-play election events. So for those of you who need some fine-tuning on your high school civics, it's time to finally learn how your vote works. Why? The Gore-Bush race is perhaps the closest presidential race maybe since 1960. And when a race is so tight, pundits and campaign strategists rest their fingers on the Electoral College.

First, a little history lesson. The Electoral College was a compromise between the Founding Fathers who wanted a direct election of the President and those who wanted Congress to pick the President. The Founders were afraid that ordinary voters would not know far off voters and would simply vote for those who were the hometown favorites. It's a very outdated compromise in today's information world but it has stood the test of time. Accept it for this election, and move on.

So what is the Electoral College? This college indeed has enrollees so to speak. They are electors. These people are chosen to faithfully represent their party in the Electoral College. After you cast your vote (the popular vote), they then cast their electoral vote. So for example, Illinois has 22 electoral votes, let's say 10 are allotted to a certain amount of electoral votes based on population; California has the most electoral votes with 54. There are 538 electoral votes altogether. A candidate must get 270 of those votes to become President.

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Ripped From The Headlines

By Candace Kelley Matlock

vote. That's when the President is actually chosen. These electors are usually loyal, taking a pledge to vote for their party's choice. However, on rare occasions electors have pledged to vote for one candidate and went right ahead and chose another. This happened in 1976 when a Washington elector pledged to Republican candidate Gerald Ford voted instead for Ronald Reagan.

There are some bizarre yet plausible situations that may come out of this Electoral College system. What if Al Gore had won the popular vote, for example, but failed to get the 270 votes needed in the Electoral College to become

President. Take it or leave it, George W. Bush would still have taken up residency in the White House. It has happened before. It may have been some 112 years ago, but in that same scenario Bush, named in 1838 when Benjamin Harrison defeated Grover Cleveland.

And what about a 269/269 split of electoral votes? Indeed mathematically possible. Likely? No. But just in case, you should know that the House of Representatives would have chosen the President.

So what does all of this say about YOUR vote? Does your vote really count in this antiquated equation? As it turns out, African-Americans and Latinos who tend to be in states with largely populated urban areas, are also in the states with the highest number of electoral votes. Translation—your vote still counted.

GOP Leaders abandon opportunity to lead nation in setting moral standard on hate crimes Prevention

By Hugh B. Price
President National Urban League

When the Majority leaders of the House and Senate decided to drop expanded comprehensive hate crimes prevention legislation from the Department of Defense (DoD) Authorization bill, they made a conscious decision to let the bipartisan coalition of will of their colleagues in both houses. It is incomprehensible that, given the thousands of hate crime incidents that are occurring in this country, the GOP leadership would steadfastly refuse to lead our nation into extending moral outrage to crimes committed because of the victim's gender, sexual orientation or disability. The National Urban League finds this abdication of leadership unacceptable and deeply disappointing. The 106th Congress cannot go home without enacting hate crimes prevention legislation that was overwhelmingly supported

in both houses. We need the President to step up the fight!

Hate crimes do more than injure an individual. They harm the psychological well-being of an entire group. These crimes threaten the very fabric of the country because they strike at the core of the American ideal of making one nation out of many different people. The federal government must lend local law enforcement all the support they need to respond to these nationally important cases. The hate crimes bill that was zeroed out of the

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DoD bill would give prosecutors an additional set of tools to reinforce society's moral response to crime and allow the full commitment of federal resources to assist local authorities in solving hate-motivated crimes. The legislation would remove overly restrictive obstacles federal involvement, and extend coverage to victims because of their gender, sexual orientation or disability.

The President supports this bill, the public supports it, religious groups support it, 175 local law enforcement agencies support it, civic and civil rights groups support it. We call upon the Congress to abide by the will of the people.

Hugh B. Price is President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League, a social service and civil rights organization serving African-Americans and others who are striving to enter the economic mainstream. He was appointed on July 1, 1994.

Blackonomics

Politics—the rules of the game

By James Clingman

"There are reports to the effect that in some sections the Black man has difficulty in voting and having counted the Little White Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a co-sponsor, the divided audiences seldom if ever became a unified and enthusiastic audience, despite the initial plea of the Union Temple's Rev. Willie Wilson of Washington, DC to do so.

— Booker T. Washington, Indianapolis Sentinel, April 23, 1896

Another election is upon us and, at least in my neck of the woods, much of what I hear is the same tired rhetoric about the importance of the same citing a vote. This time, go they say, we must show up at the polls in great numbers; this time we must make sure that as many Black people as possible cast their votes; this time, we can change the political landscape of this country - if we only "get out the vote" - this time, as we have been told so many times before.

Well, once again it seems Brother Booker T. was correct. When will we heed his lessons? He and others warned us not to place all of our eggs in the political basket, but there are some that would have us believe our salvation lies in politics alone. We elected some 8,000 public officials during the 30-year period from 1960 through 1990, several of whom were mayors of the largest cities in this country. How much economic progress did we make during that same 30-year period? Sure, we needed to be involved in the political system, but we also needed to make significant strides in the economic system. In other words, while we were busy gathering our "civil rights" we should have also been actively engaged in obtaining our "silver rights."

This is not a criticism of those who fought so hard during those years and those who held those public offices, although some of whom did absolutely nothing to further the economic status of Black people in general. It is a clarion call for us to finally stop putting most of our

emphasis on politics and so little of our energy on economic empowerment.

One thing is for sure, economics runs politics. As much as we would like to believe the contrary, Black people will not gain the kinds of political benefits that accrue to other groups until we learn how to play the political game. We will never move beyond the pomp and circumstance politics until we put our money where our mouths are. That is, contribute to the campaigns of Black candidates as well as others that act in our best interests. No contributions — no accountability, no quid pro quo. That's the rule of the game.

The other reality is that if we do not create our own economic base, via ownership of land, development of vertically integrated businesses, and the establishment of business organizations, we will still be an afterthought when it comes to political concessions and benefits. I cannot think of any group in this country that has made significant political progress without first building an economic infrastructure from which to leverage political favors. Can you?

Marcus Garvey once said: "The most important area for the exercise of independent effort (is) economic. After a people have established successfully a firm foundation, they naturally turn to politics and society, but not first to society and politics, because the two latter cannot exist without the former."

T. Thomas Fortune, the great Black journalist, once said: "No people ever became great because of their poverty or prosperity by devoting their entire energies to politics. We were literally born into political responsibility before we had

mastered the economic conditions which underlie these days."

How many more lessons and warnings do we need? Sure, another election is upon us, but we cannot continue to think that by casting our individual votes everything will be all right. We cannot continue to vote and then retreat to our homes, back to business as usual — maintaining the economic status quo. If we are going to play in the political game we must play by the rules, and money rules the political game. If you are not willing to put some of your money on the table, you may well fold your hand.

People alone will continue to keep Black people where they are now — at the bottom of the economic heap, depending upon someone to throw a few crumbs our way. We will continue to be at the mercy of those who have well-established economic systems which allow them to circulate among themselves several times prior to leaving their communities.

If your answers are "NO," while you are in that voting booth next month (and that is certainly where you should be) think also about what you will do to build and sustain our economic interests. Think about the comments of Booker T. and Marcus Garvey and Thomas Fortune. Learn about the many other brothers and sisters who promoted economic strategies for Black people and lived with every fiber in their bodies to make us understand the importance of self-help, ownership, and control of resources.

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By Diane Blackmon

Cast your abundance upon the Lord and He shall sustain you; He shall never allow the righteous to be moved. (Psalm 9, 4-18)

16th annual Stellar Awards nominees announced

The 2001 Stellar Awards, taking place in Atlanta, Ga. on Jan. 13, 2001, has recently announced this year's nomination slate. Leading the Gospel train with 9 nominations is Hezekiah Walker, garnering recognition for his CD, "Family Affair."

Walker's single, "The Power of God," which was co-written by David Frazier, also received nomination for Song of the Year. Fred Hammond also received 9 Stellar Awards nominations for "Purpose By Design," vying for Male Vocalist of the Year award. Other Male Vocalist of the Year award contenders are Daryl Coley (Christmas Is Here), Luther Barnes (Wherever I Go), and the late Rev. James Moore (Family and Friends, Live from Detroit). Yolanda Adams received 8 nominations for "High, Valley Low," and New Line Columbia Records' artists Mary, Mary picked up 6 nominations for their new CD, "Thankful."

Other gospel artists nominations include: Donald Lawrence, "Never Seen The Righteous;" CeCe Winans for "Alabaster Box;" Bernard Waters, "Relievers, and Friends;" Cathy Taylor Brown for "Taylor Made." Looking to be named as The New Artist of the Year are The McClurkins for "The McClurkin Project;" Bishop Clarence McClelland for "Shout, Hallelujah;" and Taralyn Ramsey for her self-titled CD.

The 16th annual Stellar Awards will be televised and tickets are available. This year's host will be Bobby Jones A Vicky Winans.

Kim Burrell ... Live In Concert.

Gospel songstress Kim Burrell will be performing in concert (live) during the Church Of God In Christ Convention taking place on Nov. 12 at the Bountiful Blessings Temple of Deliverance Coptic in Memphis, TN. Bishop G.C. Patterson is pastor and the public is invited.

Sacred home for the holidays contest:

'70s disco diva Candi Staton is raising her voice in gospel

ATLANTA — Veteran soulster Candi Staton is best known for her '70s Warner Brothers



The Jeff Majors Sacred Home For The Holidays contest invites Gospel Insider/Gospel Insider 2000 listeners and readers to send postcards and win a trip to spend a sacred holiday with family and friends. To enter postcard nominations with the phrase "Gospel Insider/Sacred Home For The Holidays Contest" to: 3401 Barham Blvd., #5, Los Angeles, CA 90068. Deadline for Entries is Dec. 15, and one lucky winner and a guest will receive a Sacred Holiday trip, anywhere in the continental U.S.

This includes roundtrip airfare and airport, transportation via limo, \$300.00 spending cash and a holiday gift pack. Jeff Majors' new CD, "Sacred Holiday" is now available on NAZ music and CD's.

Daryl Coley Salute! Hailing from northern California, Daryl Coley is blessed, loved and respected for his contributions to gospel music and the Christian lifestyle. For over 25 years, Daryl has graced us with his exceptional gospel interpretations and is proud that Gospel Music is growing in many different categories. Pastor Coley resides over the Tabernacle of Faith Church in Charlotte, N.C., also starting a school of mentoring and a new musical project in the works with his group, Loved. Check for the new CD to be released early in 2001.

Coley's current CD, "A Decade Of Music," is a compilation that features some of his best music ever and will make a great holiday gift to give and receive.

Laughing in the name of the Lord

Gospel comedian, Broderick Rice is at it again ... He's busy putting the final touches on his new project and third CD. Because it is not easy for Gospel comedians to get record deals, Broderick is doing his own thing and will release the CD on his own

label: "Witty Records." Broderick's project is set to be released Feb. 2001 with friends and business partner, Tommy Ford who is acting in a co-producer capacity on the upcoming release.

Gospel gumbo A surprise mix of gospel flavors: Gotee artist, Out Of Eden, will collaborate with Grope Tree rap artist, Prime Minister, on an upcoming project. This new project will also include participation from co-rapper, turned preacher, MC Hammer.

Holy (Winans) Holiday BeBe Winans and Motown Records have joined forces with Gospel Insider/Gospel Insider 2000 to present the BeBe Winans "Love and Freedom" contest and promotion. In an effort to say thank you to all Gospel Music enthusiasts, BeBe and Motown have created this exciting holiday promotion and contest. The grand prize, includes a state of the art DVD player along with a sensational Motown Holiday Pack. To enter send a postcard to: BeBe "Love and Freedom" holiday contest, 3401 Barham Blvd., #5, Los Angeles, CA 90068. There will also be a national radio feature spotlighting the new project, "Love Freedom" on the Gospel Insider radio network. Check your local listings for airtime.

Bible Quiz Who did David's brother Jonathan slay in the battle with the Philistines? Answer: A large warrior with 24 fingers and toes. This can be found in Chronicles 20: 6-7.

Feedback We also want your feedback. Call our feedback line at (213) 896-1980 and let us know what's going on in your church and in your community. You can also contact us at 3401 Barham Blvd., Ste. #5, Los Angeles, CA 90068 or e-mail us at Gospelinsider@dbblackmonbroad-casting.com.

Records disco jams like "Young Hearts Run Free," "Victim," "Nights on Broadway" and "When You Wake Up Tomorrow." Staton's past fans may not know that for well over a decade now, she has been recording exclusively in the gospel field. After being lured back into pop music last year by the British React label to record the hit "LTK 'Outside In'" CD, Staton is now testing the waters for a return to U.S. urban/pop airwaves with a new single "Love Yourself." After four abusive marriages that challenged her own self-esteem, Staton has learned to love herself and sings the song with pride and joy. The song will target urban adult contemporary and pop adult contemporary radio programmers in November 2000.



Twenty years after leaving the WB, Staton's new production and distribution deal with Lightyear Entertainment indirectly brings her back into the Warner family. Her own Atlanta-based Bercach Records will be distributed by New York-based Lightyear Entertainment which is in-turn distributed by WEA in the U.S. and by Koch in Canada.

Her new CD, "Here's A Blessing For You" was released on Oct. 24 and is mostly bluesy, down-home gospel. "In the last year I had a bitter divorce, was

Leader of American Muslim Society espouses religious and racial unity

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The spiritual leader of the 200,000-member American Muslim Society said realizing the difference between his personal views and his father's beliefs set the stage for a lifetime of learning to overcome racial and religious hatred.

Imam Warith Deen Mohammed, 67, told a crowd of about 500 at the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium in Fort Worth that he grew up listening to the teachings of his father, the founder of the Nation of Islam Elijah Muhammad.

"Coming through that experience and trying to find understanding has made me slow to accept that ... racism is abnormal," Mohammed said. "We are easily aggravated, easily provoked to see each other as enemies."

"We have to fight that in ourselves. The cultural language of yesterday is still in our memory, still in our world and that language contributes to us coming to quick conclusions, hastily conclusions and misjudging one another."

The speech was part of an event designed to promote unity across religions and honor civil rights and Muslim leaders in Tarrant County.

In the 1970s, Mohammed took the black nationalist teachings of his father — a founder of the Nation of Islam — and embraced orthodox Muslim life.

"I am sure that racism also has its roots or beginnings in scripture," Mohammed said. "Our culture is burdened, in my opinion, by language from ancient times, language that says white is pure,

white has perfect qualities and black is impure, of inferior quality."

Thurayyah Z. Alwan-beyah, 66, of Grand Prairie, once a follower of the Imam's father, told the Arlington Morning News that she was inspired by last Sunday's speech.

"He is the direction for us to go," he said. "Who else do you know that teaches humanity the way he does?"

As a youth, Mohammed was groomed to assume leadership of the group that his father co-founded in Detroit during the 1930s and briefly assumed the leadership of the Nation of Islam.

Mohammed eventually was banned from the group when charges he intended for the group, now led by Minister Louis Farrakhan, were rejected.

Famed DJ Frankie Crocker dies of cancer

NEW YORK (AP) — Frankie Crocker, a top disc jockey, radio personality and program director for New York's popular WBLS-FM radio station for three decades, died of cancer in a Florida hospital, station representatives said.

Crocker, who was about 63, was hospitalized for pancreatic cancer about four weeks ago but had kept his illness a secret from friends and even his mother, said Debbie Jackson, an on-air personality at the station.

Crocker joined Harlem-based WBLS soon after its founding in the early 1970s and within five years helped make it the city's No.

1 station among listeners 18 to 34.

In later years, Crocker played a recurring major role in a fierce battle for audiences among New York's black-oriented radio stations. Three times he was brought back as program director in bids to boost WBLS back to the top spot, most recently in the mid-1990s when it had fallen from No. 5 to No. 13 in the area's Arbitron ratings.

He last worked at WBLS about four years ago before moving to California, where he had a home, Jackson said.

Crocker, who began his radio career while studying pre-law in his native Buffalo, also appeared on stations in Los Angeles, St. Louis and Chicago, hosted ethnic community programs and emceed shows at Harlem's Apollo Theatre.

As an actor, Crocker appeared in five films, including "Cleopatra Jones," and "Darktown Strutters."

He is survived by his mother. Funeral arrangements in Florida were incomplete, with a memorial service in New York later.

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Bill to force candidates to disclose donors wins

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Lawmakers want to rewrite the rules for candidates in next year's gubernatorial race.

A bill cleared the Assembly by a 77-0 vote last Monday that would force gubernatorial candidates who get matching state funds to disclose more contributors.

Groups from outside New Jersey who contribute would be required to list all of their donors.

The campaign finance bill, A-2647, would require so-called "stealth" groups to disclose all donors before a candidate for governor could collect matching state funds.

A similar measure is pending in the Senate. If ultimately approved, the bills would regulate next year's race to succeed Whitman, who is barred by law from seeking a third term.

Sponsor Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, R-Essex, said more information can only help the effort to reform campaign finances.

"The best antiseptic is sunshine," Weingarten said. Woodbridge Mayor Jim McGreevey, who narrowly lost to Gov. Christie Whitman in the 1997 gubernatorial race and is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor next year, praised the proposed legislation.

"These 'stealth' PACs allowed candidates to use secret sources of money and hidden agendas to attack opponents and advance their ambitions," McGreevey said in a statement. "It's unfortunate that laws are needed for the politicians and their supporters who can't resist every fund-raising loophole they find."

"The use of all types of secretive PACs feeds the public cynicism about politics," he said.

Lawmakers try to cut charge to use touch-tone telephones

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A bill approved last Monday would make a monthly surcharge on phone bills go the way of the rotary dial.

Telephone companies now charge customers a fee for having touch-tone telephones. In some cases, that fee is \$1 a month and up to \$2 for businesses.

State law allowed the surcharge as a way for telephone companies to recoup costs associated with installing the once state-of-the-art telephones.

But now that touch-tone

phones are ubiquitous, Assembly members voted to cut the fee.

"This legislation will reduce the monthly telephone bills of both residential and customers by a total of more than \$65 million a year," bill co-sponsor Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole, R-Essex, said in a statement.

Customers have been paying the fee since 1985.

"The only way to avoid this additional charge was to choose rotary service. We believe this is an unnecessary fee for a very basic service," co-sponsor Assemblyman Francis L. Bodine said.

The 74-0 vote sends the bill to the state Senate.

Lawmakers estimate that 6 million residential and business phone lines are being assessed the fee.



State regulators suspend hearings on Verizon's rate hike proposal

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The state Board of Public Utilities has suspended its hearings on Verizon Communications' request to double basic telephone rates.

The company's bid, Verizon also wants the BPU to declare the state a competitive market so it can charge deregulated rates.

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We have not made any determination (on the requests), nor do we have a closed mind... We're still listening.

President Herbert H. Tate
Board of Public Utilities

mination (on the requests), nor do we have a closed mind... We're still listening," BPU President Herbert H. Tate said.

Verizon is seeking BPU approval to raise its lowest-in-the-nation basic rate from \$8.19 a month to as much as \$17.50, offering customers packages with built-

in services like caller ID and call-waiting.

The proposal has drawn strong criticism from residents, consumer advocates and some lawmakers. They have packed public hearings held by the BPU, claiming that Verizon's plan would force consumers to pay more for premium services they don't want.

The BPU agreed to halt the hearings after hearing a request last Monday from Blossom Peretz, the state's ratepayer advocate. Peretz urged the board to dismiss the company's application, saying Verizon has failed to support its argument for higher rates.

Verizon spokeswoman Soraya Rodriguez declined to comment on the board's action. She said that since Peretz's motion won't be submitted in writing until next week, Verizon lawyers haven't had a chance to review it.



Herbert Tate

File Photo

The board made the decision last Monday, saying they had several unanswered questions about

65-year-old Newark Airport building being moved, renovated

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Newark International Airport has seen its share of delays, but none quite like this.

Sixty-five years after famed architect Amelia Earhart dedicated it, the airport's original terminal building is on the move — inch by inch. The art deco structure, one of the nation's first airport passenger terminals and home to the world's first air traffic control tower, is being moved 3,700 feet to a new spot.

There it will become the centerpiece of a new police and administration building for the airport.

Built in 1934, the structure now known simply as Building 51 was the hub through which millions of airline passengers passed in the 1940s and early 1950s before it was retired from service in 1953.

"Building 51 has been an important part of the history of both Newark Airport, the great city of Newark, and

this region," said Barry Abramowitz, the airport's acting general manager. "It is important that we preserve this building as a tribute to the ingenuity of an earlier generation."

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Newark Airport's acting general manager

The two-story brick-and-concrete structure won protection as a national historic landmark in 1979.

And if you think your flight was slow taking off at Newark, consider this: The building has been divided into three sections, which will each move atop rubber-wheeled dollies at the glacial pace of 100 feet an hour.

Preliminary work started last Thursday. The move will halt every few days to reset the dollies manually and change the direction of the behemoth.

It will eventually be lowered onto new foundations, and another 63,000 square feet of work space will be added the existing 33,000 square-foot structure. The relocation should be completed by spring at a cost of about \$6 million. The entire renovation project will cost \$60 million.

Parts of the terminal building will be turned into exhibit space to highlight the history of the airport and its role in the development of the region.

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Stuffed suit with racist slur discovered in Rutgers vehicle

Suspects have not been found

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — A hazardous materials suit stuffed with leaves and marked with a racist slur was found last Tuesday inside a Rutgers University-owned vehicle principally driven by two black employees, police said.

The employees' supervisor at the university's Facilities Department found the suit in the driver's seat of the vehicle at 6:30 a.m., Rutgers Police Detective Lt. Rhonda Harris said.

The word "nigger" was scrawled in blue ink in L-shaped letters down an arm of the suit, Harris said.

The employees, whose names weren't released, work in the Grounds Department at the university on landscaping projects, Harris said.

The hazardous materials suit had not been identified as university property, she said. Police were searching for suspects.



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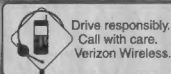
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The Prudential Foundation announces anniversary fund recipients

Largest award of \$3 million goes to New Jersey Performing Arts Center

NEWARK — Forty-five Newark-based nonprofits that make significant contributions to the social and cultural fabric of Newark and enrich the lives of its residents have been selected to receive \$20 million in capital, endowment and technical assistance grants from The Prudential Foundation's 125th Anniversary Fund.

Eight arts and culture organizations, six community development, nine education and child care, four health, ten social services and eight youth services and recreation organizations were selected as grant recipients. The group includes the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, Ironbound Community Corp., Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark, Newark Symphony Hall, La Casa de Don Pedro and the Essex County Court Appointed Special Advocates.

"In celebration of Prudential's 125th year in Newark, nothing could be more appropriate than to give back to the people of Newark. It's our hope that this gift from Prudential to the community will help organizations realize their priorities and sustain programs well into the future," said Prudential Chairman and CEO Art Ryan. "We try to lead by example and we hope our gift will inspire other corporations."

The \$20 million Anniversary fund is an important part of the celebration of Prudential's 125th anniversary. The Fund was conceived of as an opportunity to honor the company's long-standing philosophy to "build a better tomorrow" and its historic partnership with Newark. The

unprecedented corporate gift will assist nonprofits in need of capital and endowment funds to stabilize their respective missions well into the future.

The Prudential Foundation received over 200 applications for grants totaling more than \$180 million. Nonprofits meeting the basic eligibility requirements were then asked to submit specific financial information regarding

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their organizations and the projects for which they requested support.

Two informational workshops, hosted by the Nonprofit Finance Fund, were presented in Newark for the purpose of assisting the nonprofits in completing the requested information before the April 28, 2000 deadline.

Forty-five Newark (45) nonprofits were selected. The factors weighed in these selections included the recommendations and observations of NFF as to financial and organizational capability, staff site visits and interviews with applicants, historic

relationship with the organizations, distribution of resources throughout the city and programmatic balance.

Many of the grants include conditions and precedents to funding including participation in a series of technical assistance activities and workshops designed to improve the success factors for the organized help build financial management and fundraising skills.

The Prudential Foundation Anniversary Fund grants will enable Newark nonprofits to achieve many goals: antiquated buildings and housing services for Newark residents will be renovated, facilities providing quality education and recreation opportunities for children will receive critical life/safety enhancements, and endowments to sustain organizations will get catalytic boosts.

The grants awarded include every area of the City of Newark — six of the eight arts and cultural organizations will receive endowment funds totaling \$66 million, which will make them eligible for additional funds from the State's Arts Trust Fund. Our grants will also move the arts community closer to raising the \$10 million in endowment funds needed to trigger the State's release of an additional \$10 million into the Trust.

Also featured among the

grants awarded are six community development, nine in education and child care, four in health, 10 social services and eight in youth services and recreation.

Five of the grant recipients will receive technical assistance grants totaling \$150,000.

Representative of grant recipients are:

The largest award, \$3 million, to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, will help to leverage an additional \$3.75 million in challenge grants from the Ford Foundation and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, creating significant early momentum in the newly launched \$75 million capital campaign.

The smallest award, \$25,000 to Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies will help new, private consulting environments to improve health outcomes for expectant mothers and infants.

The capital grant of \$1 million to the Boys and Girls Club of Newark will improve (3) facilities serving over 4,000 young people. The endowment grant of \$500,000 will not only help to maintain these facilities and create an operating reserve, but will be matched dollar for dollar by the Building for the Future Program, a challenge grant from the Charles Hayden Foundation.

The children of the Ironbound community will benefit from the \$450,000 grant to the Ironbound Community Corporation. In addition to funding critical repairs to the Ironbound Children's Center, the grant will help to create a new multi-purpose space and parent/teacher resource center. An additional 100 children will be accommodated in the refurbished facility.

Union County College celebrates baseball heritage with newly installed artwork



Professor Lawrence Hogan, of Union County College's History Department, and Carla Hurdle, a student in his African American History course, view and discuss the virtually life-sized painting titled "Pop and His Kids," which was recently installed in the Kenneth Mackay Library on the College's Cranford campus. The painting, done by Scotch Plains resident Vern Smith, is of John Henry "Pop" Lloyd, who played professional baseball in the Negro Leagues from 1906 to 1932, including two stints with the Becharach Giants of Atlantic City.

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Assembly committee approves Green measure cracking down on tenants who conduct illegal activity

TRENTON — Legislation that would target tenants who create nuisances incited by drugs and prostitution as well as crack down on landlords who either encourage or ignore such illegal activity recently cleared the Assembly Housing Committee.

The measure (A-2631), sponsored by Assemblyman Jerry Green (D-Plainfield), would create a new eviction cause for tenants who are cited three times within a 120-day period by police for causing a nuisance instigated by drugs or prostitution.

"Law-abiding residents should not be victimized by criminals who seek to turn their residences into a street corner," a brochure said Green. "One's home should be a safe haven, not a den of illegal and illicit activity for every passing child's eyes."

Green said the real problem is that many landlords don't evict tenants who conduct illegal activities if their rent is being paid in full.

"Landlords should not be allowed to turn their heads in the face of criminal activity," said Green. "If a landlord is unresponsive to complaints of drug dealing or prostitution on their property,

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they should be punished for not taking action to prevent the illegal activity from continuing."

Green said that is why his measure also could charge landlords with creating a nuisance if they fail to institute eviction proceedings after their tenants are cited a third time by law enforcement officials.

"By forcing landlords to take

proactive action, we encourage them to screen potential residents more efficiently," said Green. "This measure would not only increase the property value of a community but also protects the welfare of those living in the facility."

Green's measure also would require the courts to notify landlords if one of their tenants has been convicted of a drug offense or receives a restraining order barring them from the address where the drug offense was committed.

Green said that currently, people convicted of a drug offense are barred from returning to the location where the crime was committed. However, Green said landlords are rarely if ever notified, and often unaware any such conviction occurred.

"To make a real impact on crime, we must provide law enforcement officials and residents with common sense laws that punish the guilty and protect the innocent," Green concluded.

Contractor registration bill advances

TRENTON — An Assembly panel today approved a substitute legislation for two bills that three Assembly Democrats sponsored to create a state-wide registry of home improvement contractors to protect consumers from rip-off artists.

The measure released by the Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Profession Committee now goes to the General Assembly for a possible floor vote. The bill would require home improvement contractors to register with the state and post bonds to guarantee their work.

The substitute legislation combines aspects of the "Home Improvement Contractors Registration and Warranty Act" (A-1105) sponsored by Assembly Minority Leader Neil M. Cohen (D-Union) and Assembly Associate Minority Leader Arline Frisica (D-Middlesex), and the "Home Improvement Contractors' Registration Act" (A-1956) sponsored by Assembly Democratic Conference Leader Anthony Imperatore (D-Hudson).

"Homeowners in New Jersey must be afforded some measure of protection when they undertake a large investment in their homes," said Cohen (D-Union). "Contractors should be required to let con-

sumers know their rights when entering into a contract and that they have the necessary insurance should something go wrong on the job site."

According to the state Division of Consumer Affairs, faulty home repairs account for the second highest number of consumer complaints after auto repair. Last year alone, about 10,000 complaints were filed against roughly 30,000 home improvement contractors. That far exceeds the paltry 13 complaints filed against 17,000 plumbers and electricians who are already regulated by the state.

"When you do the math on these complaints, it is easy to see why some sort of state oversight is warranted for home improvement contractors," said Frisica.

Cohen noted that he first proposed such legislation in 1990 as a result of a constituent's complaint on behalf of her elderly mother who had paid \$8,000 to have her driveway paved. The contractor broke up the driveway and then did not return to the elderly woman's home to complete the project — at an expensive cost to her. This contractor was subsequently found and later convicted of committing these types of offenses in several other counties.

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Workforce Expo wows Newark job seekers and employers

**City News teams with local agencies
to bring opportunity to city residents**

By Carl Chase and Keimeh Sirleaf

NEWARK — The buzzing of an alarm, the hustle and bustle of a morning routine — all these activities signal the preparation of a new working day for most people. However, for some people that mixture of anticipation — and in some cases, even a minor case of dread — is not a part of their every day experience because they don't have a job.

On Oct. 31, a great opportunity was opened for some 2,000 job-seekers looking for a new beginning at the Robert Treat Hotel during the World-Class Workforce Job Expo sponsored by City News Publishing.

They came seeking access to jobs at coveted employers such as AmeriCard Community Care and WLIB Radio. The strong regional economy has made for a rich opportunity in the Newark area, said City News President Dr. Henry Johnson, but it that's not to be taken for granted. "There are so many people here in Newark who have the talent and have the skills, but they haven't had a chance to develop those skills over time."

"When you talk about Newark and Elizabeth," he said, "the perception is that you have a lot of people who don't want to work," he said, noting the scores of people on long lines before the 9 a.m. start. "We want to change that," he told a crowd of governmental, corporate and social service supporters of the daylong effort that morning. On hand was Congressman Donald Payne, who extended his support for the great beneficial momentum the World-Class Workforce presented for Newark and its residents.

By 9:30 a.m., the grand ballroom was bustling with professionals and laborers, drivers and secretaries filing past dozens of hiring representatives of the more than 50 sponsors and participants. "I've been to a lot of job fairs, before," said Randy

Moore of East Orange. "None of them were this big," said the 37-year-old administrative assistant, who was hunting management opportunities with a stack of resumes tucked under his pinstriped suit sleeve.

Nicole Cunningham of Union was seeking administrative work. "I'd settle

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for customer service assistant, she said. Even before 10 a.m. she had handed over six resumes as she sought out Schering-Plough, Horizon Mercy, and WBLIS among other employers. She already had an appointment to interview at Horizon.

Last year's Business & Jobs Expo in Newark was so large, City News had to separate the job-seekers' event from the business event, which put small and minority businesses in position to win contracts with major customers like the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and various corporate giants.

"Major investments are being made here in Newark," said Lance Green of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. "We're in the middle of a major economic boom."

Green detailed various developing opportunities: the Port Authority's own \$700 million in redevelopment projects at Newark International Airport, Continental Airlines' billion-dollar pro-

ject and hundreds of millions more in ongoing construction there. Westfield Concession Management and Virgin Atlantic will have great needs for people after the redevelopment of Newark's Terminal C, he said.

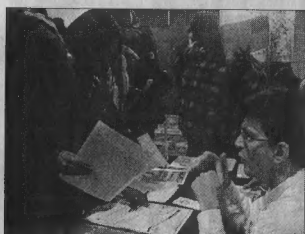
A billion-dollar light rail from Manhattan to Kennedy airport in New York will also contribute to the employment picture here. He said the region's industry will need to add 55,000 electricians and as many mechanics, 40,000 carpenters as current workers retire and many white males shift to other careers.

Rutgers Professor dr. Ogilvie said that just as Newark's prospects move upscale, so goes New Jersey. "Years ago Digital Equipment Co. hired a whole staff of people who were on welfare and trained them," she said. The quality of products made their soured, she said. "This became the most exceptional plant they had," she said. Matsushita does the same in the developing countries, she said. This is proof, she said, that "Just because people aren't educated, doesn't mean they aren't educable," she said, and got a round of applause.

Recruiters representing such organizations Schering-Plough, the FBI, PSE&G, Horizon Mercy and Prudential said that they have had tremendous responses, with the FBI setting up a special hotline just to handle the applicants from the job expo.

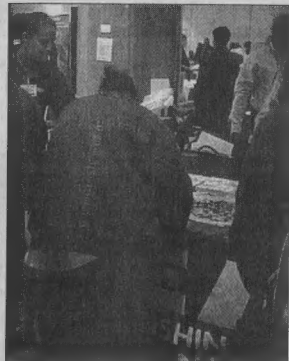
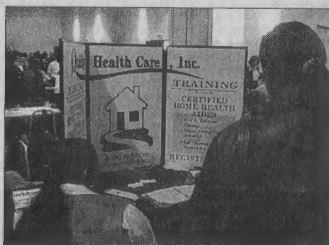
"There [were] a lot of diverse applicants... which is good and gives us a different pool of applicants — we're looking to fill various skilled positions," Sheldon Jones, a recruiter for Prudential said.

Special awards went to Schering-Plough, New Community Workforce Development Center Youth Automotive Training Campus, CEO-President Richard Liebler of Hillside Auto Mall, and Ford Motor Corporation in recognition of success in helping the community.



From entry-level to management employees, from IT technicians to customer service representatives, job seekers with resumes in hand obtained information about positions, made appointments for interviews and even, got jobs on the spot.

Look for City News' special "World-class Workforce" issue to find out about current local job opportunities.



Wedding Bliss

Robert Yates and Avis Yates wed



Pictured left to right are newlywed hubby Robert Yates, friend and Senate Candidate Jon Corzine's Campaign Manager Christy Davis, and newlywed wife Avis Yates

by Loraine Morgan

During summer 2000 New Jersey had more rainy days than sunny days. Rivers were overflowing and many roadways were flooded. But on September 9, it was sunny and 90 degrees as family and friends gathered to celebrate the July 28, 2000 marriage of Robert Yates and Avis Yates at a reception in their home and garden.

As I walked from my car towards the Rivers' property, I could hear music and laughter. I stopped a minute to admire the eastern motif of their landscape. I entered the rear garden on the right side of the house through the bridal arch draped with ribbons and wisteria. Staff greeted me serving champagne and hors d'oeuvres and I continued into the yard mingling with guests, when I hear Avis say "networking," under the white canopies covering the deck and most of the yard.

Avis was wearing a magenta silk crepe two-piece gown with black spaghetti straps. Most women were dressed appropriately semi-formal and the popular shoes were the black satin strappy sandals with the high rectangle heel.

The history of neckties dates back to 1660 and until recently, gentlemen would not be considered well dressed without wearing one. At the Rivers

reception, whether tie or tie-less the men looked terrific. Bob was wearing a black suit with a white raw silk collar shirt. Other men wore suits or sports jackets with hidden button down knits, although long sleeve shirts with ties were still popular with the traditionalists. Dr. Ola



Wedding reception guests Dr. Ola and Irene Ayeni

Ayeni and his wife, Irene, added tastefulness to the event wearing autumn colored African garments.

Dr. Ayeni offered a prayer and dinner was then served. The main course included a vegetable salad, roasted chicken breast stuffed with wild rice, steamed carrots and potatoes. Immediately following dinner, the wedding cake and coffee were served.

Many guests began burning those calories right away by dancing, singing and taking quiet walks. Some guests watched television as Williams won over Hingis in the semi-finals at the U.S. Open. Other guests were more intrigued with seeing the remaining rounds of the house and the Rivers overflowing with joy.

Modest rises in costs and record amount of financial aid keep college within grasp

NEW YORK — In two studies, the College Board reported that college tuition and fees in 2000-2001 had increased from 4.4 to 5.2 percent at four-year institutions, and from 3.4 to 7.0 percent at two-year institutions, and that a record \$68 billion was available last year in student financial aid.

College Board President Gaston Caperton said that the modest rates of increase "means that a college education is still well within the grasp of all Americans," and that students and their families must consider the cost of a college education as "an investment that provides personal and financial dividends for a lifetime."

Caperton cited Census Bureau statistics that have consistently shown the annual income for a person with a college degree is more than 80 percent higher than for a high school graduate. "In both earning potential and learning potential, you cannot beat the value of a college education," Caperton asserted.

According to the first College Board report, Trends in College Pricing 2000, undergraduates at American colleges will pay, on average, from \$56 to \$814 more than last year for tuition and fees this year, depending on the type of institution. Students can also expect to face charges of between 4 and 5 percent more for room and board. Trends in College Pricing 2000 is based on data collected in the College Board's Annual Survey of Colleges, 2000-2001.

The College Board's second report, Trends in Student Aid 2000, indicates that more than \$68 billion in total aid from federal, state, and institutional sources was available to students and their families in 1999-2000 to assist with the expenses of attending college—an increase of 4 percent over the previous year, after adjusting for inflation—and 88 percent higher than a decade ago after adjusting for inflation.

Tuition prices

The College Board's data show the following increases in college tuition and fees:

- *At four-year private institutions, students are paying \$814 more (\$16,332 vs. \$15,518, a 5.2 percent increase);

- *At four-year public institutions, students are paying \$148 more (\$3,510 vs. \$3,362, a 4.4 percent increase);

- *At two-year private institutions, students are paying \$490 more (\$7,458 vs. \$6,968, a 7.0 percent increase); and

- *At two-year public institutions, students are paying \$36 more (\$1,705 vs. \$1,669, a 3.4 percent increase).

Students who attend out-of-state or out-of-district colleges often face additional surcharges that increase their expenses for tuition and fees beyond the listed



institutions.

Room and board

A review of additional data from Trends in College Pricing 2000 indicates that students living on campus will pay slightly higher prices than last year for room and board, in the following amounts:

- *At four-year private colleges, \$6,209 vs. \$5,957, or \$252 more than in 1999-00 (4.2 percent);

- *At four-year public colleges, \$4,960 vs. \$4,718, or \$242 more than in 1999-00 (5.1 percent);

- *At two-year private institutions, \$4,736 vs. \$4,541, or \$195 more than in 1999-00 (4.3 percent).

The U.S. Department of Education estimates that slightly more than one-quarter of full-time undergraduate students live on campus. (The number of students living in on-campus housing at two-year public institutions was too small to provide meaningful data.)

The College Board develops sample annual budgets, based on average tuition and fees, plus institutional estimates of room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses.

According to the survey, estimates for a sample budget range from \$7,024 for a student who lives at home and commutes to a two-year public college, to \$24,946 for a student in on-campus housing at a four-year private institution.

Record amount of financial aid

"Over the decades, the increased support for student financial aid reflects some of the wisest investments our national leaders have made," Caperton contended. Yet, he pointed out that vast majority of this growth has come in the form of student borrowing. Loans now represent 59 percent of all aid, compared to just over 41 percent in 1980-81.

According to the Board's analysis, recent increases in Pell Grant appropriations have helped to stabilize the overall loan-grant balance in the aid system, but the purchasing power of the Pell Grant remains far below what it was in the 1970s. The Pell Grant was intended to be the foundation of federal student assistance when it was created a quarter-century ago. Today, the maximum Pell Grant covers only 39 percent of fixed costs (tuition and fees, room and board) at four-year public colleges and 15 percent at four-year private colleges.

Horoscope

ARIES: If creative thinking has been difficult it should get a lot easier. Take on a project that requires a new way of seeing things, or see an old project in a new way and get it done. A lover might move from carefree to cautious. **Affirmation:** I find delight in solitude.

Lucky Numbers 12, 33, 52

TAURUS: This is a good week to celebrate your children. Generally, time spent with children this week will be rewarding in another way if you heed well the lessons taught by the truly young. Their way of seeing the world holds a key to your peace of mind. Be the easy bull not the crushing one this weekend. **Affirmation:** I embrace opportunities to go with the flow.

Lucky Numbers 21, 35, 46

GEMINI: Just because of who you are someone is going to find fault with what you do this week. As you slow down for this hump in the road notice how smooth the rest of the road is. You'll notice also that you need, and have the time for, fun and romance. **Affirmation:** I find joy in counting my blessings.

Lucky Numbers 7, 37, 49

CANCER: Love has been looking for you but you weren't ready. This week you should be double ready. Excitement and a sense of newness should make you doubly attractive. Cut restlessness. Get the work done but put yourself in a position to give love it's due. **Affirmation:** I watch as dreams come true.

Lucky Numbers 23, 31, 54

LEO: If an old love tries to come back into your life, consider the positive possibilities. However, remember why you broke up in the first place. Good fortune should come into your life from something that happens on the home front. **Affirmation:** I cherish family and glow in the love that family brings.

Lucky Numbers 8, 17, 39

VIRGO: You should be in your element this week. Mysteries abound and you are at your best when mysteries have to be understood. Cherish your deepest insights into the truth of situations at home and at work. You know the deal. Act on what you know. **Affirmation:** I find peace in facing the unknown.

Lucky Numbers 11, 26, 51

LIBRA: Love of money is strong in your

vibration this week, but this is not the time to speculate or take chances. Find joy in other areas of your life. An inharmonious relationship between luck and change should not be ignored. Extra care in all things should be the order of the week. **Affirmation:** I find comfort in my ability to rise above the materialist way of thinking.

Lucky Numbers 4, 18, 19

SCORPIO: Put the creative side of your personality to good use this week. You've been toying with new ideas. Now is a good time to wed them to your sense of practicality. Few better times exist than now for you to make newness pay. Move ahead. **Affirmation:** I seek joy in the poetic side of me.

Lucky Numbers 13, 29, 53

SAGITTARIUS: You're going to get a hint of something to come. Don't ignore it. You can handle it better this week than when it is upon you. Your faith in yourself is sufficiently quite high now. Watch out for overconfidence. Suppress the urge to gamble or take chances with money. Play all games close to the vest. **Affirmation:** I ride along life's highway with full awareness of the beauty around me.

Lucky Numbers 26, 34, 52

CAPRICORN: Injustices happen but they should never determine your overall view of life. This week stay attuned to the realm beyond earthly justice and you will find that you've been especially blessed with divine insight into the harmony of all things. **Affirmation:** I enjoy life and glow in its unpredictability.

Lucky Numbers 17, 19, 30

AQUARIUS: Make a move towards that someone that you've had your eye on. The timing couldn't be more perfect! Go slow and be subtly sure. Your ability to charm and attract always works in your favor. Don't abuse it! Show off a new attitude. **Affirmation:** I free myself to enjoy my life.

Lucky Numbers 19, 32, 45

PISCES: People will gravitate towards someone who is always cheerful and smiling! Let that person be you! You'll be considering a mission that may have been revealed to you in a dream. This may feel like a destiny decision. Make it with your family's interest in mind. **Affirmation:** The web of family means much to me this week.

Lucky Numbers 1, 36, 55

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Smoker's wives not at greater risk of breast cancer death

By Paul Rezer
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wives of smokers aren't more apt to die of breast cancer than are wives of nonsmokers, according to a new study of more than 146,000 women.

The study, the largest ever to address the question of breast cancer death and second-hand smoking, contradicts some smaller studies that had suggested environmental tobacco smoke was a risk factor for breast cancer death.

Daniel Arterberg of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, first author of the study in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, said the study does not mean that the health risks of environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) can be ignored.

"Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke is an established risk factor for lung cancer, acute respiratory distress... and probably heart disease," Arterberg said in an interview.

Arterberg, a researcher at the University's Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute, said the results of earlier, smaller studies linking breast cancer to ETS "have been equivocal." He said the new study, with its large numbers, presents the most statistically solid evidence on the question.

In the study, 146,488 women who had never smoked were interviewed in 1982. Those who lived with spouses who smoked were identified. After 17 years, the breast cancer death rate among women married to men who smoked was compared to the rate among women whose spouses never smoked.

The result, said Arterberg, showed that among the 669 women who died of breast cancer there was no statistical suggestion that ETS increased the risk for women who lived with smokers.

"Breast cancer mortality rates did not show a statistically significant increase with the number of packs of cigarettes smoked by the spouse, the duration of spousal smoking, or the pack-years of smoking," the study said.

Dr. Harmon J. Byrne, chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society, said that while the study didn't link breast cancer death to second-hand smoke, environmental tobacco smoke is related to other serious health problems.

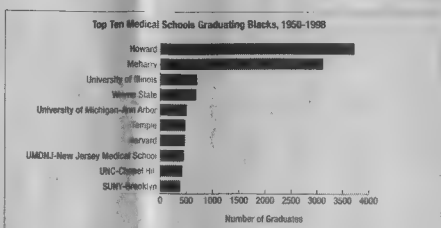
Number of minority doctors in workforce still lags

Despite increases in the percentage of minority physicians graduating from U.S. medical schools over the last half century, their representation in the physician workforce still lags behind that of the overall population.

This is among the findings in a new report, *Minority Graduates of U.S. Medical Schools: Trends, 1950-1998*, developed by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) with support from the Kaiser Family Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts.

The report provides trends for the first time in the number of minority medical school graduates and minority physicians, as well as the current practice characteristics of minority physicians. It is the first product from a unique database developed from the archives of medical schools, the AAMC's own data sets, and files from the American Medical Association which, when combined, allow tracking of minority medical graduates and physicians. The main findings of the report include:

• By 1998, minority students represented just over a third of medical school graduates



up from about 4 percent of all U.S. medical school graduates during the 1950s and 1960s.

• Nearly three-quarters of all minority physicians graduated after 1970 and almost half graduated since 1990.

• Despite efforts to increase minority representation in medicine, most minority groups remain under-represented, in both

medical school graduates and the total physician workforce. Blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans accounted for less than 15 percent of medical school graduates and less than 6 percent of practicing physicians in 1998.

Minority Graduates of U.S. Medical Schools: Trends, 1950-1998

Since 1950, 12 medical schools — three of which are minority institutions — have graduated nearly 30 percent of all minority physicians.

- *Primarily minority institutions*
- University of Puerto Rico*
- Howard*
- Meharry*
- Loma Linda
- Harvard
- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- University of Illinois
- SUNY Brooklyn
- UC-San Francisco
- University of Hawaii
- UC-Los Angeles
- Wayne State

The University of Puerto Rico, Howard, and Meharry graduated nearly 15 percent of all minority physicians. Prior to 1970, these three institutions accounted for a much higher percentage of minority graduates — nearly 57 percent. However, between 1970 and 1998, as access to medical education increased for minorities, the proportion of minorities graduating from the schools declined to 11 percent.

Eating more fruits, vegetables can lower diabetes

By Marilyn Johnson Kondrinski

Type 1 (juvenile) diabetes affects nearly one child in every 600. A recent study suggests, eating more meat and dairy products have been linked to a higher rate of type 1 diabetes, also known as juvenile diabetes. Eating a diet where plant products — especially grains — were the main foods consumed resulted in less type 1 diabetes.

The study, which was reported in the June issue of *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, indicated that food energy derived from meat and dairy products is associated with higher risk of type 1 diabetes. Conversely, food energy from vegetable sources, especially cereals, is associated with a lower risk. Total calorie intake did not predict diabetes risk. So does this mean that serving oatmeal instead of cheeseburgers will prevent your child from getting diabetes?

No, it's not that simple, experts say. Type 1 diabetes, begins in childhood and requires insulin for treatment. This type of diabetes probably arises from the complex interaction of environmental influences and heredity. The important role of dietary habits begins in infancy and even during pregnancy.

"It is very encouraging that there is a relationship between diet and diabetes, because these may be modifiable risk factors," says Robert P. Trevisan in his research as director of the Social and Health Research Center in San Antonio, Texas. He has found that nutrition and exercise may also play some role in development of type 2 diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is



different from type 1 and may not require insulin treatment.

According to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Diabetes prevention is extremely important because every day, 35 more American children are found to have type 1 diabetes. Some of the symptoms of diabetes are:

- Excessive thirst
- Constant hunger
- Frequent urination
- Sudden weight loss
- Sudden vision changes
- Rapid breathing
- Drowsiness or exhaustion
- Fruity odor on the breath

Insulin injections must be given to these children several times each day to lower high blood sugar. This improves but does not cure the disease and doesn't entirely prevent serious complications such as blindness, heart attack, kidney failure, stroke,

nerve damage, and amputations.

Type 1 diabetes must check their blood sugar several times daily by pricking their finger for a blood sample, to avoid excessive by high or low blood sugar, both of which are life threatening. They must also pay close attention to healthy diet and exercise.

Instead of individual data, an Italian Diabetes study analyzed World Health Organization data to compare findings from 40 countries. Although interpreting this type of data can be difficult, the results are consistent with earlier studies showing increased type 1 diabetes risk with increased intake of cow's milk and meat protein, as well as with food additives and nitrates in drinking water.

Earlier findings also suggest

that vegetarian diets may protect against this and other chronic diseases. The Italian researchers recommend further study of diet during pregnancy and early infancy to help determine how diet may interact with inherited tendencies as described in type 1 diabetes. They also emphasized the importance of prevention through diet.

Researchers also found that residents of wealthier, better educated, and colder countries less dependent on farming were at greater risk of type 1 diabetes — where they may tend to eat more meat and dairy products and less vegetables and grains.

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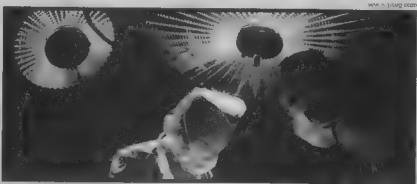
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Challenge issued to smokers to quit

NEWARK — Governor Christine Whitman and Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Commissioner Christine Grant recently unveiled two free services to help smokers kick the tobacco habit — New Jersey Quitline, a telephone hotline, and New Jersey Quitnet, an innovative online smoking cessation program.

The Governor, also issued a challenge to college-age smokers to "quit butts" by the Great American Smokeout on Nov. 16. Five students who took part in a two-week, pre-launch trial of New Jersey's Quitnet and Outline are lending encouragement to fellow students by sharing their experiences.

"Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in New Jersey," Gov. Whitman said. "As a mother of two young adults, I am concerned about the long-term health risks tobacco imposes on young people, and I am committed to using New Jersey's Master Settlement Agreement funds to reduce these risks and stop this alarming trend." New Jersey's Quitnet and Outline are the first treatment initiatives New Jersey is undertaking with the funds received from the Master Settlement Agreement with

the tobacco Companies.

New Jersey Quitnet (www.njquitnet.com) is an innovative online resource that provides a comprehensive, individually tailored smoking cessation plan. New Jersey Quitline is a hotline offering personal counseling to New Jersey residents at 1-866-NJ-STOPPS (1-866-657-8677) six days a week. The services are open to all age groups. With New Jersey Quitnet, the Department of Health and Senior Services is particularly targeting young adult smokers, who are comfortable using Internet-based services.

Smoking among 18- to 24-year-olds is on the rise nationwide, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In New Jersey, the number of smokers in this age group increased by six percent between 1998 and 1999, according to New Jersey's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System figures.

The Governor and Commissioner introduced the services and issued their student challenge today at Rutgers Newark campus, and Commissioner Grant repeated the announcement to students in southern New Jersey at Rowan University.

ENTERTAINMENT BLURBS

UPN says KJZZ affiliate wanted limited ethnic programming

By C.G. WALLACE
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) UPN affiliate KJZZ TV wanted the television network to limit its "ethnic" programming or give the station the right to cancel its contract with the network.

The dispute concerned UPN's Monday night lineup which features comedies with predominantly black casts: "Moesha," "The Parkers," "The Hughleys" and "Infringed."

The complaint about the black oriented programming was one factor in UPN's decision last week to move its affiliation to another Utah station, KAGZ in Ogden. The switch is set to occur Jan. 16.

The Salt Lake station maintains the request was simply about poor ratings. UPN says negotiations eventually broke down over compensation — the \$500,000 a year the network has paid the affiliate to carry its programming — and pre-empted time, mainly for the delay of network programming to

make way for Utah Jazz basketball games.

On Oct. 13, the Salt Lake City station sent a letter to the network with eight demands.

The last, which UPN made public, reads: "KJZZ will have the option, with 90-day written notice, to cancel this contract should UPN increase the urban/ethnic programming above the current two (2) hours per week."

UPN Chief Operating Officer Adam Ware said the KJZZ letter, he said, speaks for itself.

"I don't think it's intentionally meant to be racist at all. I don't think the station operates that way at all," Ware said. "But clearly it's a position that would imply it. It is what it is."

KJZZ General Manager Randy Rigby said the request was made at the start of the contract negotiations and was later taken off the table. Rigby said the "urban/ethnic programming" is what the network calls its Monday night lineup.

"That was a negotiating point for us to talk about. They're now trying to make this an issue," Rigby said.

Rigby said the station was not concerned about "urban/ethnic" programming, but rather the ratings for those shows in Utah, which is less than one percent black, according to Census Bureau estimates.

It was the station's Monday night lineup that caused the largest ratings headache for the station, he said, as the lineup brought in half as many viewers as the next lowest performing night.

Before joining UPN, the station ran movies on Monday nights. Those movies brought in twice as many viewers as the network lineup, Rigby said.

But Ware said KJZZ's ratings for the lineup were consistent with the national average for the shows.

"The reality is they are performing as well as many stations around the country. No one else has proposed limiting shows based on ethnicity," Ware said.

Movie Review

The Legend of Bagger Vance

Depressing Depression Era golf novel turned into dull southern saga

By Kam Williams

You can add The Legend of Bagger Vance to the very long list of failed novel to silver screen adaptations. I deserve some extra credit for this.

This dismal assignment. First I endured over two hours of torture watching this horrible, historical movie with no sense of historical accuracy. Then, because the film had made no sense to me, I decided to read the book in order to understand what the movie was supposed to convey. But that experience was even worse. Although the novel at least had a point to make, it was, nonetheless, a fairly racist one.

Written as a sentimental memoir, which lamented the passing of the old order of the ante bellum South, I could easily see why that story didn't get made into a motion picture. They say the South has changed, but books like Bagger Vance help one to understand the continuing brouhaha over the Confederate flag. A lot of Rebels are still fighting. So, why sanitize rather than simply scrap such an openly nostalgic ode to an age synonymous with brutal oppression? That's a good question to put to Steven Spielberg of Dreamworks, the studio behind the production.

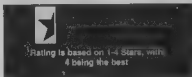
Until you get that chance, allow me to give you a sense of the book's tone. The story, set in Savannah, Georgia in 1931, chronicles the relationship of lawyer/plantation owner/golfer Rannulph Junuh and one of his servants, Bagger Vance. Hardy, the narrator, at every turn bemoans the loss of the war between the states, describing the memory of the The Civil War as, "as fresh as an open wound."

He goes on to blame (1) Reconstruction for destroying "the Southland's soul," and, (2) in an insane twist, Northern carpetbaggers for the exploitation of the Negro. Hardy, referring to the Stars and Stripes as "the hated Yankee flag," decides that, "The wonder wasn't that the South expressed so much rage, as that she expressed so little." And when Bagger Vance commits the unforgivable faux pas of addressing a white man by his first name, Hardy admits to "anticipating deliciously what was certainly coming... a fist smashing into the brazen fellow's cheek."

When not waxing romantic about the good old slave days, the novel positions Bagger as a very deferential, New Age spouting mystic. His only purpose in life apparently is to inspire his alcoholic boss to win a local golf tournament against legends Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen. Savannah, hit hard by the Depression, needs the influx of rich Northerners to attend the competition to resurrect the city's economy and to save herress Adele Invergordon's resort from creditors. So, we're dished up the themes of personal redemption and resurrection against an undeniably racist backdrop.

Such was life in Georgia in the Thirties, undoubtedly.

That's the book. But something happened to the Bagger Vance legend on the way to the movies. Academy Award-winning director Robert Redford (for



Ordinary People) tapped back screenwriter Jeremy Leven to give the tale the Hollywood treatment. Gone is any sense of the brutal Southern system, as any express references to Rannulph's black servants, in fact, have been replaced by black drinking buddies.

The shuffling Bagger, for a mere pittance, resurveys and trains the loved athlete who stands to win \$10,000 in the tournament. Even when Rannulph



offers him the standard 10 percent or \$1000 caddies share of the prize purse, Bagger declines saying that five dollars is all he needs. What sense does that make? Any black man in Georgia during the Depression would be struggling financially just to make ends meet, but Hollywood would rather perpetuate the stereotype of the grateful Uncle Tom delighted with poverty and not challenging his second class status.

In the novel, Rannulph was a rich, middle-aged, WWI veteran who marries a German woman with whom he has a daughter. On screen, he's a dashing, young bachelor and working class hero with eyes for the upper-class Adele from across the tracks. This sets us up the dovetailing of his golf victory with her financial salvation into the pat resolution of a romantic ride into the sunset.

Although they might be embarrassed to be associated with such a dud, the movie stars Will Smith (Wild West), Matt Damon (Good Will Hunting) and Charlize Theron (The Cider House Rules). Director Redford's lavish, lushly cinematic production does not outweigh the fact that the story, once stripped and eviscerated of its historical context, even if racist, becomes an empty fairy tale which could have been set anywhere. If you're creating a world of utter make believe, why not set the story in Disney World?

I don't see the sense in making a movie about Georgia in the 1930s at a time of crisply defined racial and class lines, if you're going to render these strict social categories unrecognizable, as if they did not exist. Why take us back there, if there's not going to be any there, there?

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One-on-one

Will Smith talks about roles in Bagger Vance and Ali

West Philadelphia's Will Smith began his career in the music industry, where he teamed with DJ Jazzy Jeff to win two Grammy Awards as a rap artist. His NBC sitcom, *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air* was a hit show for six years and continues to air in syndication. Will won another Grammy for his first solo CD, *Big Willie Style*, which featured the title track from his own film, *Wild Wild West*.

Smith has met with meteoric success as a movie star, headlining numerous blockbusters including *Independence Day*, *Men in Black*, *Six Degrees of Separation*, *Enemy of the State* and *Bad Boys*. As an A-list box-office attraction who has his pick of projects, I figured it would be interesting to discuss with him his choice of *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, especially in light of his wife, Jada's, currently co-starring in Spike Lee's *Bamboozled*.

KW: you're not known for being unassuming. How hard was it for you to keep your personality in check for this part?

WS: "It was so difficult to allow Robert Redford to just make the film that he wanted to make. We had a meeting, we talked ahead of time about the film, I loved the concept. I loved that there's a whole movie full of white people and the black dude is God. I loved that. So, we talked a little and I realized that I just had to allow Robert Redford to make the film that he wanted to make. He was an actor, and he understood the concept of a person."

KW: What about your image?
WS: "Sure, there's this 'Will Smith' thing that I do that makes me a lot of money. *Independence Day*, *Men in Black*. So, it's difficult to turn it off. But I also knew that this was something that I had to do."

KW: Why is that?
WS: "About two years ago, I went to Steven Spielberg and just joking around I said, 'Yo, man, why don't you never hire me for nothing?' And he explained that

my persona that I had created was too big for the stories that he wants to tell, that the persona would hurt his movies. That's why I wanted to get control of that, and Redford really help me to just be a part of an ensemble."

KW: But wasn't there a little torture in having to play such a humble, feralistic caddy?
WS: "Oh, man, that was one of the elements I had a problem with because black people hate the 'Yassuh', 'No sah'. Black people hate those kinds of movies. And I was thinking, 'Man, I got to be carrying Matt Damon's club!'"

That was true to the period, but that's not what the film is about. It's a difficult era for folks but that's not what the film is about."

KW: What is it about? What do you say to people who might be put off by the subject matter?

WS: "It's a movie that's really about life, about learning to deal with different issues in life. We've all been at that point where you just feel that it's over. Where you're saying, 'I'm going to stop. This is it.' There are great metaphors in this film that help you with getting through those moments and help you find a way to just take that next step. I think the film does a really great job spiritually, emotionally and practically of helping you to develop a philosophy for those moments in your life."

KW: So in the end, did the experience of playing a new type of character enhance your acting skills?

WS: "I'm learning to be able to turn that Will Smith persona off in order to fit into different environments. It's difficult, but it feels good to be able to go the other way a little."

KW: What inside of you changed to make you want to play such a different role in your career?

WS: "I've always considered eccentric a virtue. It might not be a word, but



it's certainly a virtue. By doing different things, you never let different aspects of your career get stale. Otherwise, people eventually are going to get tired of you. I think Bagger Vance really opens up the playing field for me a little more."

KW: You had your family on the set. Was that important to you?

WS: "Oh, absolutely. I grew up with four brothers and sisters, mother, father and grandmother in the house. So family has always been hugely important to me. That's my anchor... That's my balance. And Jada's on the same page, so it makes it that much easier."

KW: You play golf in real life. Do you think you could beat Matt Damon?

WS: "Oh, I'd whip his ass. He actually learned to play for the film, which is next to impossible. I'd tear him up."

KW: Why do you enjoy golf?

WS: "What's great about golf is that there's no play that's there's no sport that's

harder. Yet, at the same time, I could hit one shot that Tiger Woods couldn't beat. And it's that one shot, that one taste of greatness, that you chase for the rest of your life. There's no other sport like it. You will never dunk on Michael Jordan. Never. It's not happening. But in golf, you can be the best in the world for one fleeting moment. I hit a hole-in-one a year ago. Tiger could have a thousand balls and he'd never beat that shot."

KW: What's up with Men in Black 2?

WS: "The script is in the rewrite stage."

KW: What's going on in music?

WS: "I'm not doing anything with music. I'm not doing nothing but training. I train three hours in the morning and three hours in the evening. In between I'm doing dialect. I'm becoming Muhammad Ali."

KW: Are you ready for that role in your next film?

WS: "I'm in the best shape of my career. I train Daryl Foster working with me day-to-day in camp and Angelo Dundee overseeing my training. Ali comes down to the gym a couple of times a month just to check on my jab. I even sparred with Sugar Ray Leonard the other day. My training's ridiculous."

KW: Do your sparring partners pull punches for you?

WS: "No, no matter how much you agree to take it light, the second that somebody gets hit, then it's, 'Okay, now I'm gonna hit you.' And you throw one back and it always ends up in full-blown rumbling. When Sugar Ray got in the ring I asked myself, 'Am I going to hit him first or should I let him hit me first?' Then I couldn't even hit him when I tried."

KW: So do you notice the changes in your body?

WS: "At this point I'm about 217 pounds, that's a good 20 pounds heavier than I've ever been. *Independence Day*, I was only 195. I'm bigger than I've ever been. I'm stronger than I've ever been and I'm ready to take a real fight."

KW: What are you eating?

WS: "I'm eating seven times a day, drinking protein shakes and I will knock somebody clean the fuck out."

KW: Is it hard becoming Ali, he had a larger-than-life persona?

WS: "No, it's a lot easier than I thought it was going to be. The only problem is the difference between his public and private personas. You always heard him screaming at somebody, never with a calm voice. His family is supporting this project and his whole team is on the set everyday. It's working out and I'm about to shake up the world."

KW: How about your hometown's basketball team, the Philadelphia 76ers, gonna do this season?

WS: "Aw, man, Allen's (guard Allen Iverson) got to get himself together."

Movie Review

Charlie's Angels

Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu & Drew Barrymore mesmerize and pulverize as action heroes who get a lot of action as Charlie's Angels

By Kam Williams

Forget Farrah Fawcett and company. That crime-fighting team from the original 1970s TV series, finds itself forever eclipsed by today's Charlie's Angels. And who knew? I, for one, certainly wasn't expecting more than another lousy 'take the money and run' adaptation offering nothing more than nostalgia. But Cameron Diaz (There's Something About Mary), Lucy Liu (Shanghai Noon) and Drew Barrymore (Never Been Kissed), the trio of sexy starlets showcased here, will undoubtedly wow the world in the first mega hit of the fall.

McG, the renowned TV commercial and music video director who won Billboard's Pop Video of the Year Award for Smashmouth's *Walking on the Sun*, makes his feature film debut with a slickly stylized, fast-paced, erotic, action-adventure.

No doubt, McG drew heavily on his expertise in commercials (for Gap, Coke and Major League Baseball) and in MTV videos (for Korn, Everclear, Wyclef Jean, Sugar Ray and Barenaked Ladies) to produce a film which would quickly, concisely and directly connect with consumers of popular culture. "I wanted to provide a 90 minute dose of stimulus on every level conceivable," he admits. "So, I tried to mix everything and amplify it — bring it to a heightened place of reality." That he does. The result? An enjoyable, easy to digest affair that's easier on the brain and easier on the eyes.

Despite a feminist set-up that would have us buy the idea that these babes are much more than bimboes, their subsequent behavior is more carnal than cerebral. Take Natalie (Ms. Diaz), for instance, a brainy five-time



Rating is based on 1-4 stars, with 4 being the best

Jeopardy champion. In one scene, she answers the door in a pair of suggestive panties with a vertical line down the middle and tells the UPS deliveryman, "Next time you can feel free to stick it in my slot." Whether the scantily clad Natalie is deliberately playing it dumb or just clumsy and clueless doesn't matter. She's adorable and playing on every testosterone-odd ten's fantasy. The same goes for Alex (Ms. Liu), the pouty, rich girl, and Dylan (Ms. Barrymore), the rebel without a bra. Although dressed more to arouse than to kill, these Angels are able to handle foes and fight sequences better than Bond ever was. Included among the movie's splendid bad cast are the doll Bill Murray (Rushmore), the snide Tim Curry (The Rocky Horror Picture Show), the irrepressible LL Cool J (In Too Deep), the deadpan Matt LeBlanc

(of *TV's Friends*), the crafty Crispin Glover (*The Doors*) and the hunky Luke Wilson (*Blue Streak*). Even John Forsythe reprises his TV role as the voice of Charlie, the eccentric crime-fighting philanthropist. The plot unfolds with the kidnapping of billionaire Eric Knox (Sam Rockwell) founder of a computer conglomerate. The company approaches Charlie who informs intermediary Bosley (Mr. Murray) who, in turn, gives the girls their latest assignment. There are enough surprises to keep you guessing when not to keep. But don't expect anything too complicated and you won't be disappointed. Tongue in cheek humor, triangular titillation, cartoon physics and state of the art effects are the double order of the day. And they're served up as a delightfully yummy treat.

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Consumers losing billions in interest on savings accounts

By Marcy Gordon
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are losing \$30 billion to \$50 billion a year by keeping some \$1 trillion in low-interest savings accounts and should switch to higher-rate certificates of deposit, U.S. Savings Bonds or special savings accounts that are equally safe, consumer advocates said recently.

Older people tend to lose the most by not taking advantage of higher-rate savings options, according to an analysis of Federal Reserve data and a public opinion survey released by the Consumer Federation of America and Provident Financial Corp.

Elderly consumers are particularly concerned about the safety of their deposits. Katie Smith Sloan, director of life resources for the American Association of Retired Persons, noted at a news conference.

Similarly, many moderate-income Americans are "obsessed" with savings security, said Stephen Brobeck, executive

director of Consumer Federation.

"One can't go wrong with a CD (certificate of deposit) ... or a U.S. Savings

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Consumer Federation

Bond," he said. With those options, he said, consumers only sacrifice some liquidity, or easy access to money without penalty, in return for the higher interest rates.

Given that about one-half of all U.S. savings accounts hold less than \$2,500, consumers with smaller savings may wish to transfer only part of the money to higher-interest options, Brobeck suggested.

Traditional savings accounts and money-market deposit accounts pay on average around 2 percent annually. Rates on certificates of deposit at banks, and

credit unions — also federally insured — are about 5 percent, while government-backed Savings Bonds pay some 5 percent to 7 percent depending on their maturity.

The penalty for cashing in a CD early is usually several months' lost interest. After the first six months, Savings Bonds can be redeemed by paying a penalty of three months' interest.

Consumers also can get higher-rate savings accounts by agreeing to have deposits automatically transferred from their checking account.

For an average family, \$100 a month in extra interest adds up to about \$100,000 over a lifetime, according to Consumer Federation.

The advice to consumers comes at a time when Americans are seeing their incomes grow yet are spending all of it and more, driving down the nation's savings rate to its lowest point on record.

Roughly 75 million Americans do not participate in any retirement savings plan and have little or no savings, according to the Treasury Department.



Communication is key when it comes to car repair

Taking your car to a repair shop is like taking a loved one to the doctor. You need to properly communicate your vehicle's symptoms to get it running smoothly and back on the road.

The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park offers the following tips for commu-



nicated effectively with your automotive technician to ensure faster and less costly car repairs:

- Write it down. Notes will help you remember to ask important questions and to share vital information.
- Describe symptoms precisely. Explain what you see, smell, and hear.

- Mention any driving conditions that seem to relate to the problem. For example, do you notice a rattle under the hood when the car reaches 40 mph?

- Avoid technical jargon. If you use a word or phrase without understanding its meaning, you may lead the technician astray. Use technical terms only if you're sure of their meaning.

- Provide a history. Bring copies of previous repair orders or the car's maintenance log.

- Read before authorizing. Look for specifics on the repair order such as "check for hesitation as the car warms up." If the description is vague, clarify it with the technician and ask that it be rewritten.

For a free copy of AAA's The Careful Consumers Guide to Car Repair, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Car Repair Guide, AAA Public Relations, 1 Hanover Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932.

Accord, Camry top list of most-stolen cars

The 'usual suspects' make the list year after year. But more SUVs and pickups are being stolen, as thieves follow the market trends.

By Insurance.com

It's becoming a tradition: Japanese cars are the most popular among American thieves. But American cars are creeping up on the Top 10 most-stolen vehicle list.

The Toyota Camry and the Honda Accord retained the dubious award of "most popular car among thieves" in 1998, according to the latest data (1998 figures) released from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), based in Falls Hills, Ill.

The Accord remains No. 1 and the Camry again was second in NICB's 1998 survey. American vehicles make up 60 percent of the

Top 10 list.

Top 10 vehicles stolen in 1998

- Toyota Camry
- Chevrolet full-size pickup (C/K)
- Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
- Honda Civic
- Oldsmobile Cutlass
- Ford full-size pickup (F-series)
- Ford Mustang
- Dodge Caravan
- Toyota Corolla

Source: National Insurance Crime Bureau



The NICB's auto-theft list differs a bit from one issued by CCC Information Services (CCC), a Chicago-based insurance statistics-provider group.

CCC's list, issued in February, listed three Camry models as the top three stolen cars, with the 1994 Accord EX in the No. 4 slot.

Also of note is the appearance of more light trucks (SUVs and pickups) on the list.

Ed Sparkman, senior manager for vehicle support at NICB, says this year's list confirms a trend: SUVs and pickups are stolen more often.

"Vehicle thieves follow market trends and target the most-popular vehicles because they provide the best market for stolen vehicle parts," he says. Like any savvy business person, he says, auto thieves follow the money.

Pension benefits owed to thousands

WASHINGTON (AP) — Since expanding its search effort to the Internet in 1996, the federal government has found 6,600 people eligible for \$21 million in pension benefits.

Some \$27 million remains unclaimed by 12,000 missing people, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. officials said.

Of the participants still missing, more than half are from six

states: 2,038 in California; 1,901 in New York; 840 in Texas; 609 in New Jersey; 608 in Michigan; and 607 in Illinois. Benefits average about \$2,600 and range from under \$1 to \$196,000.

People can search the Internet pension Web site at <http://www.pbpc.gov> by name, company worked for or by state where the company is headquartered.

UCC offers resume writing seminar

CRANFORD — With a new presidential administration coming up, job seekers are advised to take advantage of the currently booming economy to secure a new position. A first step in this process is through two, single-session workshops in resume writing and job interview techniques that will be presented during November at Union County College.

"Make Your Resume Work for You" will enable students to discover the rationale behind effective resume writing and how it can be worked to the individual's

advantage. The seminar will be conducted from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13 at its Cranford Campus.

"Developing Confidence for the Job Interview" will enable participants to develop strategic selling skills for the employment marketplace. The seminar will take place on Monday, Nov. 20 on the Cranford campus. The workshops are being sponsored by the College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services.

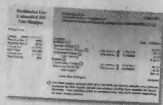
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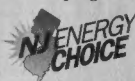


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Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WEST ORANGE — Institute of Human Relations is hosting an awards dinner in honor of William Freeman at Pleasantdale Chateau at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

NEW YORK CITY — The Port Authority of NY&NJ is hosting an airport concessions award ceremony for women and minorities interested in airport retail, food, beverage, and transportation services at the World Trade Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call (212) 435-6037.

JERSEY CITY — The Mercado Group presents the Hispanic Business Awards 2000 dinner at the Hudson River waterfront at Cafe Newport Center from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information call (201) 432-2406.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

PATERSON — The Center of Management Development is holding a seminar on how to adjust to the changes in the workplace, from 10:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To register 1-800-680-9771.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

TEANECK — The NY&NJ Merit Business Purchasing Council will host its awards gala at the Marriot at Glanville. For more information call (212) 522-5263.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

NEWARK — Free Certification Workshop for minority and women business enterprises at 100 Broad Street from 8:30 - 12 p.m. For information, call Sydney Troutman-Dixon at (973) 733-8527.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

TRENTON — NJ Alliance Action will host the 16th Annual Construction Forecast Seminar which provides the next two years of construction programs being prepared by public agencies and private industry in New Jersey. For more information call (732) 225-1180.

NEWARK — The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) presents a seminar "Starting and Managing Your Own Business" on Tuesday from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the SCORE Office 2 Gateway Center, 15th Floor. Subjects will include business plans, record keeping, tax obligations, marketing, legal requirements and financing. For information, call (973) 645-3982.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

LONG BRANCH — The Supplier Diversity Development Council will host its conference at Ocean Place Conference Resort. For more information and reservations fax (973) 852-5292 or e-mail at latam@worldnet.att.net

MONDAY, MARCH 5

HAMILTON — The Higher Education Assistance Authority will meet. For more information call (609) 588-2240.

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African Americans receive only 28 percent of loans, while Asians receive 48 percent

NEWARK — New Jersey small business owners received a record number of loans and dollars from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), it was recently reported.

According to SBA New Jersey district director, Francisco A. Marrero, the SBA approved a record 1,834 loans for \$413 million to New Jersey small business owners during the agency's Fiscal Year 2000 (the period of Oct. 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000).

The 1,834 total loans approved during FY 2000 represented a 17 percent increase over the 1,572 loans approved in FY1999. The \$413 million loans shows a 5 percent increase over last years total dollar amount of \$395 million.

"The SBA is a major contributor to the local economy," said Marrero. "Our approach to helping small business owners and start-up companies proves that. By simplifying the loan application process and empowering our lenders to use their own loan applications and make credit decisions on the spot, we have been able to reach more firms that need capital to grow their businesses."

"A great example of our outreach efforts is the progress we have made in our New Market business sectors," said Marrero. "SBA has made a long-term commitment to increase lending to our New Market customers, particularly to African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, and women-owned businesses. Our successful marketing initiatives, which were supported by our participating lenders, achieved positive results

this past year."

SBA loan approvals to minority business owners were up 13 percent over last year's totals. In FY 2000, the SBA's New Jersey District Office approved a total of 525 loans for \$117 million to minority firms compared to a total of 466 loans for \$106 million approved in FY 1999.

Of the 525 SBA loans approved to minorities, African-Americans received 121 loans for \$19 million, and Asian-Americans received 122 loans for \$20 million, and Asian-Americans received 272 loans for \$82 million. During FY 1999, African-Americans received 101 loans for \$15 million, Hispanic-Americans received 121 loans for \$19 million, and Asian-Americans received 231 loans for \$70 million.

According to Marrero, women business owners received a record 384 loans for \$60 million in FY 2000 compared to 321 loans for \$57 million in FY 1999. "Loan approvals to women increased 20 percent and the dollar amount rose by 6 percent," said Marrero.

Marrero also noted that SBA's MicroLoan Program, which provides loans of up to \$25,000, played an important role in SBA's success in lending to African-Americans and women-owned businesses. "This year African-Americans received 33 MicroLoans for \$634,445 and women-owned businesses received 43 MicroLoans for \$738,645."

Overall, MicroLoan approvals are up 68 percent this year, while the dollar amount is up 75 percent over 1999 totals. In FY 2000, SBA MicroLoan Intermediaries approved a total of 114 MicroLoans for \$2.1 million

compared to 68 MicroLoan approvals for \$1.2 million in FY 1999.

"The SBA is in the business of economic development," said Marrero. "In a six year period, the SBA has provided New Jersey small business owners with 9,228

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loans over \$2 billion."

"In FY 2000, the New Jersey District Office is ranked 3rd in the country in overall lending out of 70 district offices. The office is also ranked 4th in the country for the number of MicroLoans approved during the year," said Marrero. "Our record of achievement in the economic development of New Jersey's small business community has continued to grow, and demonstrates that the New Jersey District Office is one of the SBA's best in delivering on economic development assistance."

In addition to its lending activities, the SBA New Jersey District Office provided business counseling to 11,894 businesses and start-up companies through its network of Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Chapters and New Jersey Small Business Development Centers (SBDC).

An additional 15,881 clients attended 884 training programs sponsored by SCORE and the SBDC.

Another 3,877 people visited SBA's state-of-the-art Business Information Centers (BIC) in Newark and Camden, and an additional 471 women were counseled through the Women's Business Center (WBC), a program sponsored by the SBA and the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners. "We realize the importance of providing our customers with business training and counseling," said Marrero. "The services offered by SCORE, the SBDC, the BIC and the WBC are invaluable to our customers' success and growth."

The SBA New Jersey District Office also provided New Jersey small disadvantaged companies with 231 federal government contracts worth \$122 million. The contracts were issued under the agency's 8(a) Business Development Program.

"The challenge always exists to provide more programs and services to our customers," said Marrero. "Our work and partnerships with the lending community, as well as organizations like the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, New Jersey Urban League, 100 Black Men of New Jersey, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey are pivotal to SBA's overall success in the community."

"We will continue to forge ahead and create new partnerships with lenders, business and trade associations in order to reach out to new customers in FY 2001," he added.

Avaya, Inc. wins National Eagle Leadership award

KANSAS CITY, MO. — The National Eagle Leadership Institute (NELI) is proud to announce Avaya, Inc. as this year's winner of the coveted NELI Award. The NELI Award is the institute's most distinguished corporate honor, presented to the single company or organization that has demonstrated a consistent commitment to carrying out NELI's mission — to celebrate the success of culturally diversifying professionals while empowering them to help others succeed.

"Avaya's commitment to cultural diversity is driven from the top down," said NELI's president, Georgia Clark. "Avaya has aligned itself with NELI to ensure the continued leadership development of African-American and Hispanic/Latino men and women nationwide."

Clark continues, "The National Eagle Leadership Institute is proud to bestow its highest corporate honor to Avaya, and we look forward to the progress to come."

While the term, "diversity in the workplace" has made its way into the mainstream of corporate American conversation, few companies have taken it to the next level. NELI has recognized Avaya as a company which has gone above and beyond its call of duty when it comes to diversity in the workplace. "Our value as a company is directly proportional to our

value of diversity," states Avaya chairman, Henry B. Schacht. "Diversity is an absolute key to our success. We intend to pursue the diversity that we have inherited, improve as we go forward, ensure our success, and hold ourselves accountable," Schacht affirms.

Avaya is a leading provider of communications systems and software for enterprises, including businesses, government agencies and other organizations. Avaya asserts that diversity is at the heart of everything they do. "Avaya's values include sustaining a diverse and accommodating workforce," says Donald K. Peterson, president and CEO of Avaya. "We are committed to this without equivocation," he continues. In addition to having a diverse workforce of 34,000 employees worldwide, Avaya's Employee Business Partner Groups play an important role in accepting and celebrating each individual's experiences, lifestyles, backgrounds, perspectives and skills. The Employee Business Partner Groups offers a variety of programs that address the needs of different ethnic and social groups. Such groups include, 4A — Asian-Pacific American Association for Advancement at Avaya, ABL — Alliance of Black Leaders at Avaya, EQUAL! — Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgendered Employees of Avaya, HISPAA — Hispanic Association of Avaya Employees, IDEAL — Individuals with Disabilities, UNA — United Native Americans of Avaya, WAVE — Women at Avaya Valuing Excellence.

Five black employees accuse Enterprise Leasing of discrimination

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Enterprise Leasing Co., nation's largest automobile rental firm, has been named in a federal class-action lawsuit alleging discrimination.

Five current and former black employees filed the lawsuit in federal court in St. Louis. The lawsuit alleges Enterprise discriminated against minority workers. They contend they were passed over for hire and promotions in favor of less experienced white employees. In some cases, the jobs went to workers that the black employees had trained, the lawsuit said.

The workers also claim they were subjected to offensive racial remarks, and the company did nothing to correct such action.

Enterprise spokeswoman Christy Conrad said Enterprise does not discuss pending litigation.

"We do, however, strongly disagree with any assertion that we have discriminated against employees," she said. "We believe there is absolutely no basis to these claims and are confident that the court will agree with our position."

The workers alleged in the lawsuit that after they complained

or filed charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the company retaliated by giving them less favorable performance evaluations, not allowing them to hire their own employees and demoted or reassigned them to less favorable work locations.

Enterprise, based in the suburb of Clayton, had about \$4.7 billion in sales last year. It has about twice as many locations as its next two largest competitors, Avis and Hertz. Enterprise employs about 38,700 people in five countries.

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